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AM Snow Showers
High: 27, Low: 7

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Partly Cloudy
High: 24, Low: 21

Shooting at NIU kills six



HELP ON THE WAY: Rescue workers transport an unidentified victim from the scene of a shooting at a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University.

Former student opens fire in lecture hall, killing five before killing himself

By Caryn Rousseau
The Associated Press

DEKALB, Ill. — A former student dressed in black opened fire with a shotgun and two handguns from the stage of a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University yesterday, killing five students and injuring 16 others before committing suicide, authorities said.

The gunman fatally shot four women and a man in a "brief, rapid-fire assault" that sent terrified students running for cover, university President John Peters said. Four died at the scene, including the gunman, and the other two died at a hospital, he said.

Witnesses in the geology class

said "someone dressed in black came out from behind a screen in front of the classroom and opened fire with a shotgun," Peters said.

Lauren Carr said she was sitting in the third row of the lecture hall around 3 p.m. when she saw the shooter walk through a door on the right-hand side of the stage, pointing a gun straight ahead.

"I personally Army-crawled halfway up the aisle," said Carr, a 20-year-old sophomore. "I said I could get up and run or I could die here."

She said a student in front of

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The marriage movement

LGBT community promotes awareness by pledging their love to one another, the cause

By Christy Johnson
Special Sections Editor

Love is the word, equality is the movement.

For members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community this Valentine's Day is a chance to showcase the inequality that they face when it comes to marriage by celebrating Right to Marry Day.

The event, which is in its second year, gives heterosexual, homosexual and individuals the opportunity to pledge their love to one another, or to the cause of equal rights in marriage.

This year's event got renova-

tion from last year's, moving from a table with a tri-fold at the Union tables to being held in 208, complete with an aisle, flowers and a chaplain.

David Nelson, chaplain at St. John's Episcopal Church, presided over ceremonies that lasted from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Nelson explained that there is a strong tie between Saint Valentine's struggle in the 3rd century and the social struggles for equal marriage rights today.

Saint Valentine performed secret wedding ceremonies even though the emperor at the

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WEDDING BLISS: David Nelson, a member of the Episcopal Church and supporter of the LGBT community, watches as seniors Allison Steele and Jessica Tucker commit themselves to each other with rings.

Footloose and fancy

The Women's Chorus urges students to dress to impress at a masquerade ball

By Kristen Vasas
Reporter

For many students across campus, Valentine's Day is synonymous with chocolates, cards and carefully selected gifts meant for loved ones.

But for the BGSU Women's Chorus, this V-day weekend is one that will hopefully be associated with dancing shoes.

In an effort to fund their first-ever tour, the Women's Chorus will be throwing a Valentine's Day Masquerade Ball complete with formal wear and optional masks.

"We're hoping that this turns into as much of a success as we think it will be," said Jamie Telmanik, the public relations officer for the group. "It's just a way for students to come out and have fun with an organization they may not know that much about."

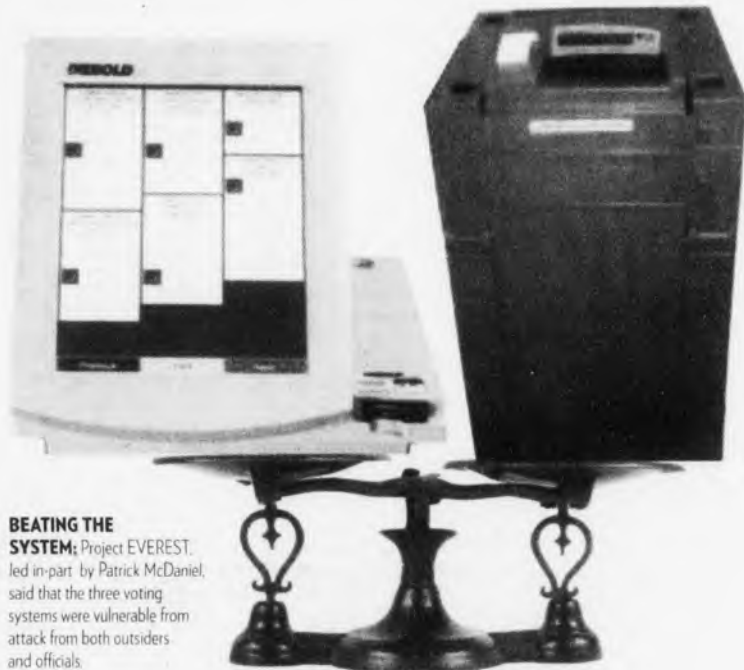
The idea for the ball was thought up last semester when the Women's Chorus officer core committee was brainstorming ways to fund the girls' first singing tour. They sent out a survey asking the 61 members what they wanted to do and almost everyone suggested putting on

a dance, Telmanik said.

After the results were collected, the core committee decided the dance would have to be both formal and fun. As a result, the masquerade idea was born.

The dance, which will be disc jockeyed by Cliff DJ Services, also offers a dinner course for students who purchased separate tickets for \$20 in advance. The meal will consist of Italian entrees which will be catered by Dining Services.

"We needed something that would attract students to come out and support us," President Amanda Chamberlin said.



BEATING THE SYSTEM: Project EVEREST, led in-part by Patrick McDaniel, said that the three voting systems were vulnerable from attack from both outsiders and officials.

Weighing the options

State election officials deem new Wood County voting machines vulnerable to tampering, suggest purchasing new optical scanning systems

By Tim Sampson
City Editor

Ohio's voting machines are vulnerable to fraud and corruption according to state election officials. And they are recommending changes to the way people across the state vote.

But Wood County election officials oppose the changes as being costly and unnecessary.

In December, Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner released the results of a comprehensive study regarding the security of the various kinds of voting systems used throughout Ohio. The report found that all three of the currently approved electronic voting systems being used in Ohio have

"serious vulnerabilities."

The study, known as Project EVEREST, was led in-part by Patrick McDaniel, an associate professor of computer science and engineering at Penn State University. He said the three kinds of voting systems analyzed were all vulnerable to attacks, both from outsiders, as well as from any malicious elections officials working within the system.

"There are some real vulnerabilities in these systems that need to be looked at," McDaniel said.

McDaniel will making a presentation on voting machine security next Tuesday in Union 207 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

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CAMPUS BRIEF

Saying goodbye

A memorial service for two international students who died in a car accident in December will be held in room 202A of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Saturday at 2 p.m.

The students, Sweetsy Mazumdar and Apasana Giri, died in a traffic accident over winter break after visiting Chicago.

The memorial service will be led by representatives from the Hindu Temple of Toledo.

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MARRIAGE

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time forbid it. Saint Valentine went to jail for these acts and was later sentenced to death, Nelson said in a Valentine's Day newsletter.

And while nobody is going to be put to death for symbolically getting married in the Union today, their very right to express the way they feel about each other in a forever was is killed every time states deny to pass legislature that would deny gays to wed.

"To see people that I don't see at Vision meetings come by and support us means a lot," said Erik Sowers, Vision secretary and sophomore.

Students passing through the student Union may have been notified of the event by "Super Queer", a mascot-like character portrayed by senior Jennifer Dietsch.

Dietsch, donning the "Super Queer" get-up, said that the reception she gets from fellow students has been 'neutral to warm', and that if she does get a strange glare she is not afraid to approach the student and say hello.

"I'm not up in your face, people can read my signs if they want," Dietsch said.

Overall, Right to Marry Day brings to light the social injustices that still loom over American society today, and bring hope that the future may be different, as the event offered everyone opportunities to learn about love and acceptance.

"I hope people take away the importance to honor all love, that all people have been bestowed the right to love another person," said Shevonne Nelson, graduate assistant for the Center of Multicultural and Academic Initiatives Office. "Just because I don't love in the same way you do, does not mean that I should have to downplay that love."

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VOTING

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where he will be answering specific questions from the audience.

The voting systems examined included the one currently used in Wood County, the Premier voting system.

Premier is a Direct Recording Electronic system that uses a touch-screen to collect votes.

Wood County purchased the touch-screen machines in November of 2005, replacing the punch card ballots that had been used before, said Deborah Hazard, director of the Wood County Board of Elections.

Hazard said Wood County was one of the first Ohio counties to implement electronic machines following the 2000 Florida election "debacle" and a federal review of elections procedures.

The federal government provided Wood County with funding for some of the machines, Hazard said, but the county chose to spend \$150,000 on an additional 50 touch-screen machines in 2006 to help shorten lines at polling places.

Now, Hazard and other local officials are upset at the prospect of having to replace the relatively new machines and the potential cost associated.

"It's frustrating," said Hazard. "It's working in Wood County, so why do we have to keep switching?"

But the findings of the Secretary of State's report said the Premier system, which is used in half of all Ohio Counties, has several security flaws that could make it susceptible to vote tampering.

The touch-screen voting machine itself has three ways of recording votes, Hazard said. When a voter marks their decisions, their choices are recorded on a portable memory card, the machine's hard drive and a receipt-like paper scroll.

But according to the findings in the EVEREST report, it would be easy for someone to attack the machine while voting, because the locks on the doors of the machine's memory card and printer do not have distinct, hard-to-duplicate keys. The report also said it would be easy for someone

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Deborah Hazard | Wood County Board of Elections

to access the machines power switch or power cord and cause the machine to reboot to its original setting, losing the previously recorded votes.

In an interview, McDaniel said his researchers were able to attack voting machines in such a way, as to allow a single voter to cast ballots repeatedly.

But Hazard dismissed these concerns.

She said that because the machines are under constant supervision by poll workers, it would hard for someone to tamper with the machines while going unnoticed. She said it would be especially hard for someone to damage all three types of recording devices in the normal amount of time it takes to vote.

Hazard said the machines are tested before the polls open on election day to make sure they have not been tampered with before.

She also said that no data has ever been totally lost on the machine. Although results stored on the memory card have been lost in 4 or 5 instances, Hazard said elections officials were able to pull the hard drive to get the data.

"The results were never in danger of being lost," she said.

But the EVEREST report also spoke to concerns that someone could tamper with the Premier voting system's server, saying that someone would only have to gain access to the server for a short period of time in order to tamper with it and introduce malicious software into the system.

But Hazard said these concerns were also over blown. Because the server is not connected to the Internet, the only way someone could harm the server would be to gain physical access to the computer which is kept in the county board of elections' office.

That then raises the concern of whether or not an elections official might tamper with the machine.

But Hazard said that is less of a concern in Ohio than in other states, because in Ohio,

county boards of elections are run by both a Republican and Democratic director of equal authority. In this case, Hazard, and Republican Board of Elections Director Terry Burton, balance each other out.

"It's a matter of whether you trust Terry and I, or not," Hazard said.

But regardless of how much trust voters may have in the touch-screen system, if the Ohio general assembly chooses to act on the Secretary of State's recommendations, the county will have to replace the touch-screens with new optical scan voting machines. Optical scans work similar to standardized tests — a voter fills out a bubble-sheet ballot that is then scanned electronically to record the vote.

Jeff Ortega, a spokesman for the Secretary of State's office said the optical scan system provides a better paper trail than the current touch-screen machines because they have to fill out a physical paper ballot and not just get a receipt.

"The voters deserve a system to provide peace of mind," Ortega said. He also said the secretary of state is sensitive to the financial needs of Ohio's county governments and that she would like to see the state help pick up the cost of purchasing the new machines.

But that doesn't satisfy Wood County Commissioner Tim Brown, who thinks there was never a need to get rid of the punch card system in the first place.

"It's just a ridiculous knee-jerk reaction to voter stupidity in Florida," Brown said.

Brown said the county hasn't begun to look at the cost of replacing the machines, but said with the tough economic conditions currently facing the state, it's wasteful to spend money once again updating the machines.

"Ohio's economy is not good," Brown said. "To be told they're going to have spend money on these new machines doesn't seem reasonable."

SHOOTING

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her was bleeding, "but he just kept running."

"I heard this girl scream, 'Run, he's reloading the gun.'"

Student Jerry Santoni was in a back row when he saw the gunman enter a service door to the stage.

"I saw him shoot one round at the teacher," he said. "After that, I proceeded to get down as fast as I could."

Santoni dived down, hitting his head the seat in front of him, leaving a knot about half the size of a Ping-Pong ball on his forehead.

The teacher, a graduate student, was wounded but was expected to recover, the school president said. He did not give details of the injuries.

BLOTTER WEDNESDAY

9:41 A.M.

A vehicle parked on South Grove Street was reported entered. Nothing was reported missing.

3:54 P.M.

A vehicle parked on Leroy Avenue was reported broken into and a CD player stolen. Police said the driver side window was broken and the door serious damaged.

6:27 P.M.

A dog was reported stolen from a South Summit address.

8:03 P.M.

Money was reported stolen from Domino's on East Wooster Street.

9:51 P.M.

Drug paraphernalia was reported found in a Harshman Dunbar dorm room during a fire check.

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two years of existence as an official organization, the Women's Chorus will be traveling to Michigan to perform with both high school and community choirs.

They will be singing a variety of songs, which include lyrics in both Russian and Irish.

One of the songs, entitled "Set Me as a Seal," will be performed with both Big Rapids and Traverse City Central High Schools.

"We wanted to share the song with other schools because it's a social piece," Telmanik said. "I think the combined effect will just blow people away."

And though they have high hopes for the tour and possible performances afterward, the chorus is happy with how far they have come over the past semester.

"We have such a spirited new group of girls and about 75 percent of them are new this year," Chamberlin said. "They are so talented and hard working and we've gotten this far because of

"We wanted to share the song with other schools because it's a social piece. I think the combined effect will just blow people away."

Jamie Telmanik | Public Relations

the effort they were willing to put towards the group."

For chorus member Dominique Simms, the work put into making the Women's Chorus a recognized organization on campus will pay off during the masquerade ball.

"We want it to be successful, and I know it will be," she said. "Depending on how this goes this year, we might be able to turn this into an annual thing."

The ball will take place in 101 Olscamp at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door. Formal wear is mandatory.

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3:30 - 4 p.m.

Tea Time - Ina Kaur
Ceramics Studio

6 - 10 p.m.

BSU and SMART Quiz Bowl
201A Union - Sky Bank Room

8 p.m.

"Our Town" by Thornton Wilder

Eva Maria Saint Theatre, University Hall

8 - 10 p.m.

Blown Away! The Wild World of Weather

112 Physical Sciences Lab Building

8 - 11 p.m.

Spread the Love

112 Union - Falcon's Nest

9 - 11:15 p.m.

UAO presents, "Saw IV"

206 Union - Theater

University director selected to be editor of magazine

By Steve Kunkler
Reporter**Michael Carroll**

Director of the Center for Regional Development

An international journal has selected a member of the University to become the editor for a new magazine.

Michael Carroll, director of the Center for Regional Development, has recently been selected as the editor-in-chief of a new academic journal of the Regional Science Association International.

The journal had contacted Carroll as a candidate for the job and was selected for the position last April.

The new editor will be responsible for choosing which articles will be placed in each issue of the journal.

Carroll will not be the only person involved. There will be two regional editors selected from North and South America and two from Asia/Pacific and Europe.

Carroll is excited about the opportunity, realizing a position in a new journal doesn't come around very often.

"It's the kind of thing you have your eye out for," Carroll said.

"It's fairly rare that they start these things up."

The journal will include studies focused on economic development and geography from around the world.

Even with being considered for the job, Carroll said he was excited because it's a highly competitive position.

"I hoped it would happen. It was kind of a surprise because you're competing with guys from Oxford and Cambridge," Carroll said.

The new position is not only good for Carroll, but also the University. William Burns, an assistant director for the Center for Regional Development said the new position is the result of the work which Carroll has done at the University and reflects well on the Center for Regional Development.

"It shows the respect he is getting both regionally

and internationally with the research he has undertaken," Burns said.

Before Carroll was selected as the editor-in-chief, there was a process which he had to go under to receive the position.

The process to become an editor at the journal includes having a track record of writing and publishing articles and being approved by other scholars working at the journal.

One member is Russ Kashian, secretary for the journal and member of the economy department at Wisconsin-Whitewater.

The articles are sent to what Kashian calls referees, people who read the article for quality.

An article being considered for the journal can be sent to as many as 300 professionals in the same field the article is covering before it's published.

Kashian said the University should be proud to have Carroll on staff.

"The University is fortunate they have him. He is actually one of the premier figures in urban and regional studies."

LAST-MINUTE LOVE



TREVOR LEE / THE BG NEWS

BE MY VALENTINE: Students look for last-minute Valentine's cards at the Peregrine shop.

Blind blues singers no longer unsung, University professor speaks out

By Semira Chowdhury
Reporter

Many people know about the blues and famous blues musicians, but what people do not know is how prominent blind blues musicians are. One University professor is getting the word out.

Joseph Havranek, professor of rehabilitation counseling who has taught at the University since 1992, is writing a book titled "Visions of Blind Blues Musicians."

Havranek said the blues have always been an interest in his life.

"My interest in blues goes way back. Basically, when I was a kid I listened to rock and roll. When I was 12 or 13, I listened to soul music. When I was about 16, I listened to psychedelic music," he said. "As that matured in the '70s, I was listening to blues and didn't know it."

In the early '90s, he said he

discovered that blues went back to the 1890s and that gospel went even further back.

He also noted blues grew out of gospel and was viewed by many people in gospel as the "devil's music."

Blues music was known as the "devil's music" because it took people away from the spiritual side of music, he said.

In addition to blues being the "devil's music," not many women sang the blues, and at the time, black women were more church oriented than men, he said.

The blues has changed dramatically because of the electrification of the guitar which means using an electric guitar with an amp.

Before the electrification of

**Joseph Havranek**

Professor of rehabilitation counseling

the guitar, Havranek said people were using acoustic guitar and it was hard to project their voice over a large crowd of people.

Havranek said he decided to write a book on blind blues musicians because about four years ago, he was listening to music in his car and wanted to know who the person was playing. He found out it was Blind Willie McTell.

He said he thought there must be a lot of blind musicians and talked to a colleague named Eric Jones. He said they decided to go to the Chicago Music Festival in 2006.

At the festival, Jones decided to go to a Mississippi booth and see if anyone specialized in music in the Delta.

The Delta in Mississippi is known to be very popular for blues musicians, and some people consider it to be the origin of the blues.

In early January, by the end

"There are a lot of books on the blues and no one has taken that perspective looking at blindness as a disability in blues."

Joseph Havranek | Professor

of the week, Havranek said he received 50 e-mails about various blind musicians and then started researching more.

Havranek said he has met ten to 12 musicians and has researched over 90 blind musicians.

He said he has met Blind Mississippi Morris, Sir Charles Atkins, Jimmy Carter, Robert Jackson, Johnny Neel of the Allman Brothers and many more.

When interviewing each musician, he said he has always asked, "If they could change something [in your life] what would they change?"

Havranek said no one has mentioned seeing, but people

a disability in blues."

Havranek said he hopes his book will be finished by the end of summer and said it will be a major accomplishment of his.

"It's a fulfillment of a musical lifetime. It was coming back to where I started and didn't even know it," he said.

Jay Stewart, Director of Rehabilitation Counseling, said Havranek is dedicated, hard working and has made a difference in the lives of many.

"I have worked with Joe Havranek for two decades and he has been one of the hardest working and conscientious rehabilitation professional and professor," he said.

Stewart said Havranek is an expert in his field and is exceptional.

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Greek life and family life, one in the same



JESS HYLTON
COLUMNIST

Growing up I always wished I had a sister. I love my two brothers very much, but sometimes you just need some ice cream and girl talk.

When I transferred here I decided to look in to the Greek community. I was not sure what I was looking for — in fact, I had always made fun of sorority girls. Then I became one.

Once I was actually "Greek" I realized there were a lot more stereotypes and assumptions about Greek life than I had previously known. The popular phrase being, "you shouldn't have to pay to have friends."

I have given that phrase a lot of thought. Why should I have to pay for friendship?

The conclusion I kept coming to was that a person cannot buy the friendship of another.

You have to pay to be involved in most everything nowadays. An example some might be familiar with is college.

Why should we have to pay to be educated? But our money does not educate us. Our willingness to study, to go to class,

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to turn in homework, to ask questions: that is where our education comes from. The money we spend merely provides the opportunity.

Well, the Greek community has given me and many other women the opportunity to have a family away from home; the opportunity to have sisters.

Most importantly the Greek community has given me the opportunity to give love and be loved from a large group of amazing individuals.

My chapter has had a difficult two semesters this school year. The father of one of my sisters passed away and another sister is currently very ill.

These events have been emotionally draining on many of the women.

When one sister is hurting, we all hurt with her.

However, although these are terrifying and difficult times, there is a joy that can be found.

It has been through these hardships that I have seen true sisterhood. When women drive hours just to be there for another,

er, or stay up all night waiting for a good or heartbreaking phone call.

In these moments you realize that you truly have sisters.

We may not always see eye-to-eye on everything, but when it comes down to it, we share a love and a bond that cannot be broken.

This is even true for the Greek community at large.

Before I joined Alpha Chi Omega I was scared that if I joined a sorority I would be secluded from everyone else. I did not want to be involved in Greek rivalries or cat-fights.

Imagine my surprise when we did activities to help support other chapters, when we received flowers and cookies from other sororities and fraternities to show their support and affection for us.

And these are the things that you cannot buy. The smiles and the tears are something that no dollar amount could ever make or match.

Love is the strongest bond that people can share with each

other, and love is a pure affection that is free to give and free to take away.

It hurts sometimes to know people judge when they see a man or woman wearing Greek letters. The truth is I used to be one of those people.

I know it is difficult to understand something that you know very little about.

But I am so happy that I had my presumptions broken, otherwise I would have missed out on the opportunity to grow close to some of the most amazing women I have ever known.

And is that not true of so many stereotypes? Pre-judgments we give to people hurt us the most in the long run. If I had not taken a chance and ignored my old ways of thinking I never would have met the sisters I always wished for.

Stereotypes and judgment are some of the hardest things to ignore. It is difficult, but it is worth it. You should never sell yourself short of the opportunity to gain a friendship, a family, merely because society says you should turn your back. Some of the most amazing relationships can be found where you never considered looking.

— Respond to Jess at thenews@bgnews.com.

IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD | A LOOK AT MENTAL HEALTH

It feels so real though it was just a dream



ALLY BLANKERTZ
COLUMNIST

"A dream is a wish your heart makes, when you're fast asleep." I hope this is not the case; otherwise my heart has some odd wishes.

The nature of dreaming is such an enigma. For centuries there have been copious amounts of attempts to explain dreaming. Ancient Greeks utilized the dream process as a way of clairvoyance. Oracles would be sustained in semi-dream states and their mumblings would be interpreted as divine messages.

Judeo-Christian traditions also utilize the dream as a means of divine clairvoyance. Stories tell about the dream state as being used as medium for transferring messages from God.

Some voodoo traditions even believe that by ingesting certain roots and herbs you can gain the power to enter another person's dreams.

Freud propelled dream analysis from a psychological perspective into the 20th century with his concept that dreams are unconscious desires. According to Freud, repressed memories coupled with secret wishes are revealed to you via dreaming. As the quote above attests to, even Walt Disney tried his hand at the great mystery.

Dreams are a personal journey. Some dreams can be a pleasure to experience, indulging the dreamer with fantasies of gaining super powers or overcoming great challenges.

Other dreams are more clouded. Confusing the dreamer with mismatched images, snippets of childhood attached to job-related quandaries with people they have never even met.

Personally, these dreams are the kind that fascinate me the most. Recalling back to high school when friends would confide their dreams in me, wondrous tales that no fiction writer could re-create were being woven in these individual's heads.

Minute details all accounted for, such as time-frame, color schemes and individual articles of clothing.

All dreams are different and unique, since every person's psyche is different and unique. I have one friend who experiences some of the most vivid and alluring dreams I have even been told.

These dreams are vast sagas of trial and error. They have clear beginnings and ends, despite the fact that there is no

"Our thoughts carry us away to more mentally stimulating subjects and enjoy the vacation from the oppression of the educational system."

logical relationship between any of the components.

I have remarked to her on more than one occasion that her dreams could be published as a novel. I myself have experienced, on several occasions, re-occurring dreams. Even dreams that varied slightly in subject matter but underlying themes were clearly identical.

There is the dream that is the bane of a teacher's existence, the daydream. Overloaded with information, the student's mind, digresses from the drone of the lecture to a more thrilling place.

Our thoughts carry us away to more mentally stimulating subjects and enjoy the vacation from the oppression of the educational system.

There is also the not so pleasant nighttime dream, the nightmare. The nightmare can be a hellish experience that often leaves the dreamer in a pool of cold sweat.

Usually a barrage of disturbing images and sounds that leaves the dreamer frightened and anxious, this often makes it difficult for the individual to fall back asleep. I find it interesting that considering there are so many variations and interpretations of dreaming that goals and aspirations are still labeled as a dream.

The word "dream" is associated always associated with positive connotations and hopes for the future. Often we forget about the darker side of dreaming, the nightmares and the confusing puzzling dreams that frighten or worry us.

We forget about the functionality of the dream. Some researchers believe that dreams are a way of the brain to relieve itself of the stresses of the day.

The word "dream" itself incites mystery. Since dreams are so individual and only the dreamer can know his own dreams, this adds yet another layer of unknown to the perplexity that is dreaming. It would thus seem appropriate to label future unknown hopes as dreams.

— Ally writes about mental health every Friday. Have a question or topic you'd like her to address? Send it to thenews@bgnews.com.

The deeper we dig, the more truth we find

ANGIE WASSERMAN | GUEST COLUMNIST

In response to Kristin McCormick's Feb. 12 column "A better abortion debate," I first and foremost want to address the issue of abortion at-large. I whole-heartedly agree with Kristin that in order to fully address this problem, we need to "look deeper than the surface of this issue."

However, to do so, we will need to take an even deeper look than Kristin suggests, precisely for the reason that she proposes: education on human sexuality leaves a lot to be desired.

But we have to ask ourselves: what kind of an education are children and young adults receiving? What kind of a philosophy is being promoted? Are we truly giving them all of the facts? Or are we only presenting them with a skewed version of the facts that we feel are most pertinent to their futures? Are we sentencing them before giving them a fair trial?

Giving up on young women because we have decided "they will still become pregnant when they are not ready to be mothers" can hardly escape its underlying message of pessimistic

"She, like Hitler, desired to contain what she considered to be an inferior black race through abortion and birth control, and was intent on attaining a perfect Aryan race."

oppression. Many people argue that currently, abstinence-only programs do not work. I won't argue against that; as I already stated, I think many of them leave a lot to be desired.

The challenge for us is to make these programs more effective, more purposeful, and more integrated with the whole human person. We need to understand why we are created and why we create, and until we can understand this, we will continue to ineffectively educate people.

Secondly, McCormick states that "...most abortions [more than 60 percent] actually occur during the first nine weeks of pregnancy, and 87 percent of all abortions are performed within the first trimester of pregnancy. The procedure for first-trimester abortions is very different from the procedure that Hylton described."

First off, recognize that these percentages do not pertain to

people's opinions — they pertain to people's lives. The point is not how many unborn babies are subject to the cruel procedure of partial-birth abortion (i.e., dilation and evacuation), but the fact that any are, and that they are subject to any degree of abortion. Heaven forbid you or I might have fallen into that 13 percent. But since we would have been in the minority, would that have constituted our lack of importance?

Some arguments against anti-abortion laws say they are insensitive to victims of rape or incest, that women may be suffering from a physical problem or that an unborn child may end up having health problems. But even then, The Guttmacher Institute, a leading authority on sexual and reproductive health and rights in the United States and worldwide, reports that these conditions collectively constitute only 8.2 percent of the abortions performed in the U.S. The remaining 91.8 percent are justified through social and economic motives, according

to a 1998 study by Akinrinola Bankole, Susheela Singh and Taylor Haas.

Finally, I assume most of you reading this have heard of Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood. For those of you who haven't, she is responsible for founding her pro-abortion platform with "secret" motives of racial cleansing and was highly praised by Adolf Hitler for her philosophy and efforts.

She, like Hitler, desired to contain what she considered to be an inferior black race through abortion and birth control, and was intent on attaining a perfect Aryan race. If the issue is that anti-abortionists refuse peoples' rights, how does the origin of Planned Parenthood serve to promote the rights, freedom, and the so-called pro-"choice" stance for minority women?

Regardless of how we view society's current stance on abortion, we cannot ignore the reality of history nor the fact that the origin of the legalization of abortion was built on lies and deception. If only for this reason, it should have never passed its legislation in the first place.

— Wasserman is a senior majoring in psychology. Respond to her column at thenews@bgnews.com.

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Fumes force Katrina survivors to relocate

By Michael Kunzelman
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — After down-playing the risks for months, the Federal Emergency Management Agency said yesterday it will rush to move Gulf Coast hurricane victims out of roughly 35,000 government-issued trailers because tests found dangerous levels of formaldehyde fumes.

FEMA Administrator R. David Paulson said the agency hopes to get everyone out and into hotels, motels, apartments and other temporary housing by the summer, when the heat and stuffy air could worsen the problem inside the trailers.

"The real issue is not what it will cost but how fast we can move people out," he said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said fumes from 519 tested trailers and mobile homes in Louisiana and Mississippi were, on average, about five times what people are exposed to in most modern homes. Formaldehyde, a preservative commonly used in construction materials, can lead to breathing problems and is also believed to cause cancer.

The findings stirred worry and anger across the Gulf Coast, where FEMA is already a dirty word and housing has been scarce since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck in 2005.

"Am I angry at FEMA? Of course I am. They should have started moving people out of these trailers once they first started finding problems."

Lynette Hooks | Hurricane Katrina survivor

problems," said Lynette Hooks, 48. She said that since she began living in her trailer outside her damaged New Orleans home in October 2006, she has suffered headaches and sinus problems, in addition to the asthma she had before.

The CDC findings could also have disturbing implications for the safety of other trailers and mobile homes across the country. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said on Capitol Hill yesterday. But the

CDC study did not look beyond the FEMA housing.

Paulson vowed that the agency will never again use the flimsy, cramped travel trailers to shelter victims of disasters. Mobile homes are generally roomier than trailers and considered less susceptible to buildups of fumes.

FEMA will press ahead with plans to supply leftover, never-used mobile homes from the twin disasters to victims of last week's tornadoes in the South, Paulson said. But the mobile

homes will be opened up, aired out and tested first, he said.

The formaldehyde levels in some trailers were found to be high enough to cause breathing problems in children, the elderly or people who already have respiratory trouble, CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding said. About 5 percent had levels high enough to cause breathing problems even in people who do not ordinarily have respiratory trouble, she said.

Gerberding said the tests could not draw a direct link between formaldehyde levels and the wide range of ailments reported by trailer occupants. But the CDC urged people to move out as quickly as possible.

As early as 2006, trailer occupants began reporting headaches, nosebleeds and difficulty breathing.



ALEX BRANDON | AP PHOTO

TOXIC TRAILERS: Jim "Hawk" Herring poses with his dog Koko as he talks about the toxic problems in his Federal Emergency Management Agency trailer in the Lakeview area of New Orleans yesterday. U.S. health officials are urging Katrina victims be moved out.

"Am I angry at FEMA? Of course I am. They should have started moving people out of these trailers once they first started finding problems."

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White Castle marriage



COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Three couples got the Valentine's Day wedding they craved yesterday, marrying at a White Castle in the restaurant chain's home city.

The morning ceremony at the burger joint, which features the slogan "What You Crave," involved a flower girl who threw salt and pepper packets instead of rice, and employee name tags on the grooms' lapels.

The cake resembled a White Castle tray holding three "slider" burgers, fries and a drink — all made of cake and frosting.

Cyndie Nunemaker of Plain City, 17 miles northwest of Columbus, said she and new husband Brian Wilson opted for the alternative wedding because they love White Castle.

The nuptials were broadcast live on a local radio station, which paid for the flowers and other arrangements.

'Choking Game' claims 82, numbers continue to rise

By Mike Stobbe
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — At least 82 youths have died from the so-called "choking game," according to the first government count of fatalities from the tragic fad.

In the game, children use dog leashes or bungee cords wrapped around their necks or other means to temporarily cut blood flow to their head. The goal is a dreamlike, floating-in-space feeling when blood rushes back into the brain.

As many as 20 percent of teens and preteens play the game, sometimes in groups, according to estimates based on a few local studies. But nearly all the deaths were youths who played alone, according to the count compiled by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC started the research after receiving a letter last year from a Tacoma, Wash., physician who said her 13-year-old son died from playing the game in 2005.

"At the time I had never heard of this," said Dr. Patricia Russell, whose son was found hanging in his closet, but later learned he had talked to a friend about it.

"One thing that really needs to happen — and is starting to happen now — is to get more information about how common this is," she said.

The CDC counted cases from

"One thing that really needs to happen ... is to get more information about how common it is."

Patricia Russell | Physician

news reports and advocacy organizations in the years 1995 through 2007, totaling 82 fatalities of children ages 6 to 19. They did not include deaths in which it was unclear if the death was from the choking game or if it was a suicide. They also did not include deaths that involved autoerotic asphyxiation, which is self-strangulation during masturbation and is said to be mainly done by teenage boys or men.

The 82 deaths were spread across 31 states. Nearly 90 percent were boys, at an average age of about 13, the CDC found.

Three or fewer deaths were reported from 1995 through 2004. They jumped to 22 in 2005, 35 in 2006 and at least nine in 2007. It's not clear what drove the increase in recent years, investigators said.

The report is being published this week in a CDC publication, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

Bush calls for missile intervention in attempts to stop broken satellite

By Lolita C. Baldor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush has ordered the Pentagon to use a Navy missile to attempt to destroy a broken U.S. spy satellite — and thereby minimize the risk to humans from its toxic fuel — by intercepting it just before it re-enters the atmosphere, officials said yesterday.

The effort — the first of its kind — will be undertaken because of the potential that people in the area where the satellite would otherwise crash could be harmed, the officials said.

Deputy National Security Adviser James Jeffrey, briefing reporters at the Pentagon, did not say when the attempted

intercept would be conducted, but the satellite is expected to hit Earth during the first week of March.

"This is all about trying to reduce the danger to human beings," Jeffrey said.

Gen. James Cartwright, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at the same briefing that the "window of opportunity" for such a shootdown, presumably to be launched from a Navy ship, will open in the next three or four days and last for seven or eight days. He did not say whether the Pentagon has decided on an exact launch date.

Cartwright said this will be an unprecedented effort; he would not say exactly what are

the odds of success.

"This is the first time we've used a tactical missile to engage a spacecraft," Cartwright said.

After extensive study and analysis, U.S. officials came to the conclusion that, "we're better off taking the attempt than not," Cartwright said.

He said a Navy missile known as Standard Missile 3 would be fired in an attempt to intercept the satellite just prior to it re-entering Earth's atmosphere.

It would be "next to impossible" to hit the satellite after that because of atmospheric disturbances, Cartwright said.

A second goal, he said, is to directly hit the fuel tank in order to minimize the amount of fuel that returns to Earth.

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Jakupcin named MAC Player of the Week

BG Tennis player Kelsey Jakupcin was named MAC Tennis Player of the Week. This is the second time the junior has earned the weekly award this season, and the third time in her college career.

FOOTBALL

Bearcats' QB Mauk won't be back next season

Cincinnati Bearcats quarterback Ben Mauk was denied another year of eligibility by the NCAA yesterday. Cincinnati finished last season as the No. 17 team in the country.

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TODAY

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at Nebraska-Omaha; 8:05 p.m.

Tennis:
vs. Detroit University; 6 p.m.

Track:
All-Ohio Championship; TBA

TOMORROW

Men's basketball:

vs. Akron; 2 p.m.

Women's basketball:
vs. Eastern Michigan; 7 p.m.

Hockey:
at Nebraska-Omaha; 8:05 p.m.

Gymnastics:
vs. Central Michigan; 7 p.m.

Tennis:
vs. Duquesne; 1 p.m.

Track:
All-Ohio Championship; TBA

OUR CALL

The List

Kelvin Sampson and Indiana University are in some hot water. Today, we list five negative impacts on the IU basketball program.

1. Reputation: This is one of the most prestigious programs in the country.

2. Timing: Sampson's illegal activities come at a time when the Hoosiers are 20-4 and playing well.

3. Players: What impact will Sampson's actions have on such a talented team?

4. Sanctions?: It is possible the administration could put sanctions (like no March Madness) on the program to punish it for Sampson's actions.

5. New Coach?: If Sampson goes, former BG coach Dan Dakich could become IU's new head coach.

Saturday double-header



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BACK ON TOP: With Wednesday's win, BG is tied for first in the MAC East at 7-3.

Women gunning for fourth straight win vs. E. Michigan

By Chris Voloschuk
Sports Editor

The BG women's basketball team is currently on a roll.

The Falcons 18-6 (7-3) are fresh off of their third win in a row and are coming back home for the second part of a Saturday basketball double-header at Anderson Arena.

With their scrappy 87-82 road victory over the Central Michigan Chippewas Wednesday night, BG moved into a three-way tie with Ohio and Miami for first place in the Mid-American Conference East Division.

Tomorrow, the Falcons will host Eastern Michigan. The game will be a battle of teams with matching 7-3 in-conference records. EMU is currently on a three-game winning streak of their own and tied for first in the MAC West with Western Michigan.

Eastern will enter tomorrow's game one of the top offensive teams in the MAC. Their leading scorer, sophomore guard Alyssa Pittman, averages 13.1 points per game.

As a team, EMU averages 67 points a game — good enough for fifth-best in the conference. Their scoring margin of +5.1 points a game is second-best in the conference, just behind BG.

Eastern is no slouch on the defensive end either. They lead the MAC in steals per game with 10.64. They also don't allow their competition to score easily from the field or from beyond the arc. This season, opponents are shooting just 39 percent from the field and 34 percent from three-point range against them.

Tip off at Anderson Arena is scheduled for 7 p.m. The game will also serve as BG's "Think Pink" breast cancer awareness event.

Men's Basketball — BG vs. Akron Fast Facts

Payback: When BG visited Akron in January, they were routed, 80-44.

Lethal: In their last meeting, Akron forward Quade Milum scorched the Falcons for 22 points.

Standings: At 6-4, BG is tied with Miami for third place in the MAC East.

On the rebound: BG will be looking to get back in the win column after losing to Eastern Michigan, 78-68, on Wednesday.

Women's Basketball — BG vs. Eastern Michigan Fast Facts

Rolling: BG has won three games in a row.

Even Match up: Both BG and EMU have 7-3 records in MAC play.

Technicality: BG has the best overall record in the MAC at 18-6.

Eagles: EMU is 13-9 overall.

MAC EAST STANDINGS — MEN'S HOOPS

Kent State: 9-2

Ohio: 7-4

Akron: 7-4

BG: 6-5

Miami: 6-5

Buffalo: 2-9

MAC EAST STANDINGS — WOMEN'S HOOPS

BG: 7-3

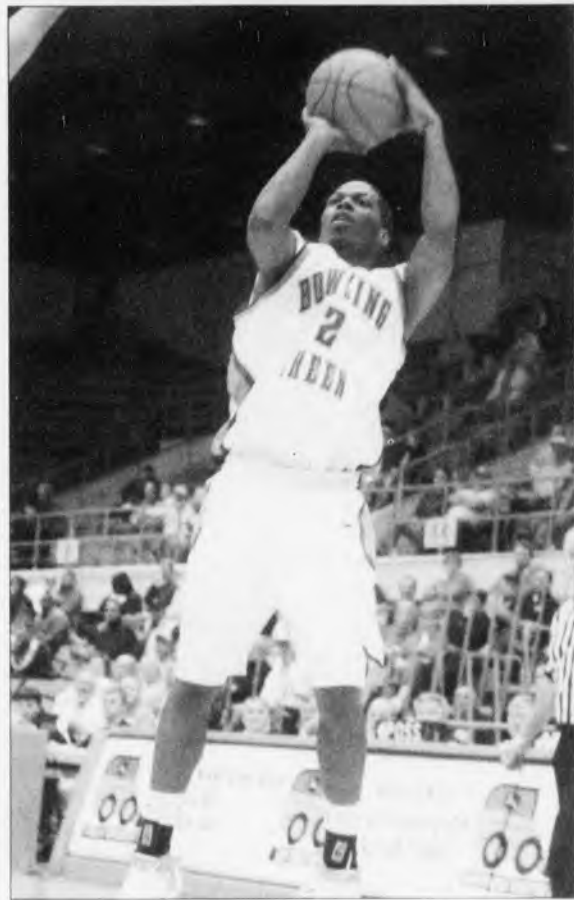
Ohio: 7-3

Miami: 7-3

Buffalo: 5-5

Kent State: 3-7

Akron: 2-8



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BAD MEMORY: The last time BG and Akron played, BG lost by a whopping 36 points.

Men's basketball out for revenge against Akron

By Bill Bordewick
Assistant Sports Editor

Revenge will be on the minds of the Falcons as the host team who gave them their biggest defeat of the season.

BG hosts the Akron Zips tomorrow at 2 p.m. with a little payback to dish out.

Sunday January 20, the Zips handed BG an 80-44 drubbing in a game that was probably not even that close.

Quade Milum led the Zip attack with 22 points off the bench and Nick Goddard's three ball in the final seconds of the game clinched free food for everyone in attendance.

When the Zips hit 80, they get free wings from Scorchers.

The Falcons will look for a little food themselves tomorrow if they can hit 85 points.

Both teams will come into the

game after losses. The Falcons lost on Wednesday night 78-68 at the hands of Eastern Michigan.

Akron's loss coming into the game was a little more shocking as it snapped a 22 game home winning streak.

The Zips lost to Northern Illinois and may have been feeling the effects of losing center and leading scorer Jeremiah Wood to a knee injury.

Nick Dials and Cedrick Middleton will have to pick up the scoring slack while the Falcons will look to get similar production out of forwards Nate Miller and Chris Knight.

Akron currently leads the MAC in scoring with 73.1 points per game. Their average margin of victory has been 8.5 points a game.

The game will mark BG's second to last home game of the season.



ANDY SHAFER | THE BG NEWS

ON THE MOVE: Junior defenseman Kevin Schmidt handles the puck during last Saturday's 4-1 loss to Alaska at the BG Ice Arena.

Hockey to face off with Nebraska-Omaha

By Ethan Magoc
Reporter

There is no doubt that the Falcon hockey team has recently failed to capitalize on many opportunities to move up in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association standings.

This weekend, however, BG can forget the ups and downs of the past six weeks by collecting a few

points from Nebraska-Omaha.

The Falcons have been chasing the Mavericks for fifth place in the CCHA for several weeks now, and now the two teams will finally go head-to-head at the Civic Auditorium in downtown Omaha. BG left on a plane from Detroit yesterday and arrived in time for an evening practice before tonight and tomorrow's big games at 8:05 p.m. each night.

Playing on the road this year has been a strong point this year for the Falcons. They hold an 8-7 road record — good for sixth-best in the nation among Division I hockey teams. With two wins in Omaha this weekend, they could post their highest road win total since 1989-90 when they had 10 under coach

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Gymnasts to host Central Michigan tomorrow

By Sean Shapiro
Reporter

Following a win last week in Ball State in one of their lowest scoring nights of the season, the Falcons return home tomorrow to the Eppler Complex to host the Central Michigan Chippewas at 7 p.m.

"We're really excited to be home, the athletes have been talking about how nice it will be to be on our own equipment, because there always is a bit of adjustment going to another school," said head Coach Kerrie Beach.

For BG it presents the chance to improve to a perfect 3-0 in the conference and 4-2 overall. The Chippewas enter the meet with a 2-7 record overall and a 1-2 conference mark following a home win against their rival Western Michigan.

The meet also will showcase two of the MAC's top gymnasts from last week's action, Central's Jamie Neel who was named athlete of the week and BG's Jacquelyn Bernhardt who was named the specialist of the week. Neel who recorded a 39.025 in the all-around last week was a big part of the Chippewas season high team score 193.200 against Western Michigan.

Bernhardt, a senior, led the



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STEADY: BG's Jhoelen Ponce walks the balance beam during a January meet.

Falcons last week winning the Vault and the Floor with a 9.750 and 9.725 respectively.

"She really went out and shined on vault and floor. We put her last on floor because we felt like every week she's been getting

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SUSAN WALSH | AP PHOTO

ON THE MIC: Brian McNamee testifies before members of Congress on Capitol Hill.

McNamee lawyers believe Clemens will get pardoned

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

One of Brian McNamee's lawyers predicted that if Roger Clemens is convicted in connection with the baseball steroids scandal, he'd be pardoned by President Bush. Lawyer Richard Emery also said some Republicans treated his client harshly because of the pitcher's friendship with the Bush family.

Emery made the claims yesterday, a day after a congressional hearing broke down along party lines. Many Democrats were skeptical of Clemens' denials he used performance-enhancing drugs and Republicans questioned the character of McNamee, the personal trainer who made the accusations against the seven-time Cy Young Award winner.

"It would be the easiest thing in the world for George W. Bush, given the corrupt proclivities of his administration, to say Roger Clemens is an American hero, Roger Clemens helped children," Emery said in a telephone interview. "It's my belief they have some reason to believe they can get a pardon."

During Wednesday's session before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Clemens repeated his denials under oath, which could lead to criminal charges if federal prosecutors conclude he made false statements or obstructed Congress.

"I'm not aware of Mr. Clemens having been charged

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Richard Emery | Lawyer

with anything," White House deputy press secretary Tony Fratto said after being told of Emery's remarks.

Emery cited Bush's decision last year to commute the two-year prison sentence of I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, his vice president's former top aide. Libby was convicted in the case of the leaked identity of a CIA operative.

During the hearing, Clemens cited his friendship with Bush's father, President George H.W. Bush, a baseball fan who regularly attends Houston Astros' games. Clemens said he was on a recent hunting trip when the elder Bush called with words of support.

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stronger and stronger," Beach said. "It comes down to Jacque being a senior, she has great experience competing and she has been training so well."

In order to get the victory the Falcons will also need a large contribution from their seven freshmen that struggled collectively last week. BG will also have Meg Satterlee and Michelle Luchini back at full strength after injury troubles last week.

Despite their record Central comes in as a dangerous squad who not only has Neel but two other winners of the MAC athlete of the week this year. On paper the Falcons have the seemingly better squad however the Chippewas have a higher high score on the season 193.2

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Kerrie Beach | Coach

to BG's 191.975.

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NCAA denies Mauk another year of eligibility

By Joe Kay
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The NCAA turned down Cincinnati quarterback Ben Mauk's request for another season of eligibility, a major setback for the up-and-coming Big East team that finished with a No. 17 ranking.

The quarterback overcame a career-threatening shoulder injury while leading the Bearcats to 10 victories last season, including a 31-21 win over Southern Mississippi in the Papajohns.com Bowl.

Mauk threw for 31 touchdowns and 3,121 yards in Cincinnati's no-huddle, spread offense, and hoped to get one more year to show what he could do now that he's healthy.

"I wouldn't say it's a major disappointment," Mauk said on campus Thursday, wearing a Cincinnati sweatshirt and baseball cap. "There's more to life than football."

His story was one of college football's best last season.

He broke his passing arm and dislocated his shoulder in the 2006 season opener while playing for Wake Forest. Doctors inserted a steel plate in his arm and metal anchors in his shoulder.

Mauk missed the rest of that season, and still wasn't sure if he would play again when he transferred to Cincinnati for his graduate studies. At worst, he figured he could develop other quarterbacks for coach Brian Kelly's offense. Plus, he was closer to his home in Ohio.

By the time football practice started, Mauk's arm was getting better. He won the starting job, but had to sit out one game and parts of others because scar tissue in the shoulder was bothering him.

The shoulder got better as the season went along. Mauk and a turnover-forcing defense led Cincinnati's unexpected rise into the Top 25. The university



KEVIN RIVOLI | AP PHOTO

LETTING IT FLY: Cincinnati quarterback Ben Mauk attempts to throw the deep ball against Syracuse last season. Mauk was denied a request for one more year of eligibility.

supported his push to try to get another year of eligibility.

"Anytime you return somebody that threw 31 touchdown passes and led your football team, clearly

that's a piece that you want back," Kelly said, standing outside his office on campus.

Under NCAA rules, a player has four years of sports eligibil-

ity that must be used up within a five-year window. Mauk took a redshirt season as a freshman, then missed almost all the 2006 season because of the injury.

He asked the NCAA to give him a sixth year to exhaust his eligibility, arguing that he was forced take the redshirt year as a freshman. The association declined.

"There's no question that we're disappointed," Kelly said. "I don't know that I would say surprised when it came to this. We were prepared for the worst and hoping for the best."

The Bearcats have several quarterbacks available for next season, including former Notre Dame quarterback Demetrius Jones, who enrolled last September.

Jones started Notre Dame's season opener against Georgia Tech and fumbled twice in the 33-3 defeat, the worst opening loss in Irish history. He was one of three quarterbacks who failed to get their foundering offense moving. Later, Notre Dame agreed to release him from his scholarship as long as he transferred to a school that is not on its schedule.

Cincinnati also returns quarterbacks Dustin Grutza and Tony Pike.

"We're disappointed in the loss of Ben and the circumstances surrounding it, but the cupboard's not bare," Kelly said.

Mauk is finishing his degree in criminal justice. He had surgery on the shoulder in December to clean out scar tissue, and no longer feels the pain that bothered him last season.

"I want to continue working out and getting myself in the best shape I can be in and get my shoulder rehabilitated and see what I can do," Mauk said. "Obviously I can start working, [or] I can try out for the NFL. I'm going to sit down with my family in the next week and decide what I'm going to do."

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Jerry York.

Current coach Scott Paluch and his players have stuck to the old level-headed mantra of "It's just another game" for most of the season.

On Tuesday, though, even a composed Paluch could not deny that this series is perhaps the biggest of the season.

"Our players are aware of this series' importance, and we're using it as motivation," Paluch said.

That's a different tune than the team has sung for most of the season, when they would put games against Michigan and Miami on the same level as a Lake Superior or Western Michigan match-up.

Perhaps the biggest reason for this new mental strategy is that the Falcons have now distanced themselves from the bottom of the pack enough so that they can

"When we score first it gives us more confidence. It's always easier to break up plays than create a play."

Tomas Petruska | Forward

focus on larger issues at hand like securing home-ice in the first round of the playoffs.

For a team that was picked to finish last before the season started, BG certainly would not want to get caught up in discussion of a jump up in the standings.

A few weeks ago that might have caused them to lose focus, but now the focus should in fact be on moving up in the standings. UNO sits two points up of BG in the CCHA standings with two more conference games in hand.

Paluch noted the importance of this because it gives his team a distinct advantage if they were to collect four points from the

of his team jumping out early.

"When we score first it gives us more confidence," Petruska said. "It's always easier to break up plays than create a play. If you're up 1-0 then you want to get that other goal, but you still have that safety there because you scored first."

"If you go down, then your goalie has to make a couple big saves and it's all a head game, you know?"

Last year the Falcons didn't handle that head game against the Mavericks very well at all. BG fell behind to UNO early on in every regular season game and thus posted a record of 0-4 against them.

"There was a stretch there, three or four years ago, where we played very well against this team," said Paluch, referring to the team's 5-2-1 record from 2002 to 2006 against Nebraska. "The last couple of years it has not been that way and even though we've played well, we have not had the same success with getting points."

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MARRIAGE

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time forbid it. Saint Valentine went to jail for these acts and was later sentenced to death, Nelson said in a Valentine's Day newsletter.

And while nobody is going to be put to death for symbolically getting married in the Union today, their very right to express the way they feel about each other in a forever was killed every time states deny to pass legislature that would deny gays to wed.

"To see people that I don't see at Vision meetings come by and support us means a lot," said Erik Sowers, Vision secretary and sophomore.

Students passing through the student Union may have been notified of the event by "Super Queer", a mascot-like character portrayed by senior Jennifer Dietsch.

Dietsch, donning the "Super Queer" get-up, said that the reception she gets from fellow students has been 'neutral to warm', and that if she does get a strange glare she is not afraid to approach the student and say hello.

"I'm not up in your face, people can read my signs if they want," Dietsch said.

Overall, Right to Marry Day brings to light the social injustices that still loom over American society today, and bring hope that the future may be different, as the event offered everyone opportunities to learn about love and acceptance.

"I hope people take away the importance to honor all love, that all people have been bestowed the right to love another person," said Shevonne Nelson, graduate assistant for the Center of Multicultural and Academic Initiatives Office. "Just because I don't love in the same way you do, does not mean that I should have to downplay that love."

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VOTING

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where he will be answering specific questions from the audience.

The voting systems examined included the one currently used in Wood County, the Premier voting system.

Premier is a Direct Recording Electronic system that uses a touch-screen to collect votes.

Wood County purchased the touch-screen machines in November, of 2005, replacing the punch card ballots that had been used before, said Deborah Hazard, director of the Wood County Board of Elections.

Hazard said Wood County was one of the first Ohio counties to implement electronic machines following the 2000 Florida election "debacle" and a federal review of elections procedures.

The federal government provided Wood County with funding for some of the machines, Hazard said, but the county chose to spend \$150,000 on an additional 50 touch-screen machines in 2006 to help shorten lines at polling places.

Now, Hazard and other local officials are upset at the prospect of having to replace the relatively new machines and the potential cost associated.

"It's frustrating," said Hazard. "It's working in Wood County, so why do we have to keep switching?"

But the findings of the Secretary of State's report said the Premier system, which is used in half of all Ohio Counties, has several security flaws that could make it susceptible to vote tampering.

The touch-screen voting machine itself has three ways of recording votes, Hazard said. When a voter marks their decisions, their choices are recorded on a portable memory card, the machine's hard drive and a receipt-like paper scroll.

But according to the findings in the EVEREST report, it would be easy for someone to attack the machine while voting, because the locks on the doors of the machine's memory card and printer do not have distinct, hard-to-duplicate keys. The report also said it would be easy for someone

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Deborah Hazard | Wood County Board of Elections

to access the machines power switch or power cord and cause the machine to reboot to its original setting, losing the previously recorded votes.

In an interview, McDaniel said his researchers were able to attack voting machines in such a way, as to allow a single voter to cast ballots repeatedly.

But Hazard dismissed these concerns.

She said that because the machines are under constant supervision by poll workers, it would hard for someone to tamper with the machines while going unnoticed. She said it would be especially hard for someone to damage all three types of recording devices in the normal amount of time it takes to vote.

Hazard said the machines are tested before the polls open on election day to make sure the have not been tampered with before.

She also said that no data has ever been totally lost on the machine. Although results stored on the memory card have been lost in 4 or 5 instances, Hazard said elections officials were able to pull the hard drive to get the data.

"The results were never in danger of being lost," she said.

But the EVEREST report also spoke to concerns that someone could tamper with the Premier voting system's server, saying that someone would only have to gain access to the server for a short period of time in order to tamper with it and introduce malicious software into the system.

But Hazard said these concerns were also over blown. Because the server is not connected to the Internet, the only way someone could harm the server would be to gain physical access to the computer which is kept in the county board of elections' office.

That then raises the concern of whether or not an elections official might tamper with the machine.

But Hazard said that is less of a concern in Ohio than in other states, because in Ohio,

county boards of elections are run by both a Republican and Democratic director of equal authority. In this case, Hazard, and Republican Board of Elections Director Terry Burton, balance each other out.

"It's a matter of whether you trust Terry and I, or not," Hazard said.

But regardless of how much trust voters may have in the touch-screen system, if the Ohio general assembly chooses to act on the Secretary of State's recommendations, the county will have to replace the touch-screens with new optical scan voting machines. Optical scans work similar to standardized tests — a voter fills out a bubble-sheet ballot that is then scanned electronically to record the vote.

Jeff Ortega, a spokesman for the Secretary of State's office said the optical scan system provides a better paper trail than the current touch-screen machines because they have to fill out a physical paper ballot and not just get a receipt.

"The voters deserve a system to provide peace of mind," Ortega said. He also said the secretary of state is sensitive to the financial needs of Ohio's county governments and that she would like to see the state help pick up the cost of purchasing the new machines.

But that doesn't satisfy Wood County Commissioner Tim Brown, who thinks there was never a need to get rid of the punch card system in the first place.

"It's just a ridiculous knee-jerk reaction to voter stupidity in Florida," Brown said.

Brown said the county hasn't begun to look at the cost of replacing the machines, but said with the tough economic conditions currently facing the state, it's wasteful to spend money once again updating the machines.

"Ohio's economy is not good," Brown said. "To be told they're going to have spend money on these new machines doesn't seem reasonable."

SHOOTING

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her was bleeding, "but he just kept running."

"I heard this girl scream, 'Run, he's reloading the gun.'"

Student Jerry Santoni was in a back row when he saw the gunman enter a service door to the stage.

"I saw him shoot one round at the teacher," he said. "After that, I proceeded to get down as fast as I could."

Santoni dived down, hitting his head the seat in front of him, leaving a knot about half the size of a Ping-Pong ball on his forehead.

The teacher, a graduate student, was wounded but was expected to recover, the school president said. He did not give details of the injuries.

BLOTTER WEDNESDAY

9:41 A.M.

A vehicle parked on South Grove Street was reported entered. Nothing was reported missing.

3:54 P.M.

A vehicle parked on Leroy Avenue was reported broken into and a CD player stolen. Police said the driver side window was broken and the door serious damaged.

6:27 P.M.

A dog was reported stolen from a South Summit address.

8:03 P.M.

Money was reported stolen from Domino's on East Wooster Street.

9:51 P.M.

Drug paraphernalia was reported found in a Harshman Dunbar dorm room during a fire check.

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two years of existence as an official organization, the Women's Chorus will be traveling to Michigan to perform with both high school and community choirs.

They will be singing a variety of songs, which include lyrics in both Russian and Irish.

One of the songs, entitled "Set Me as a Seal," will be performed with both Big Rapids and Traverse City Central High Schools.

"We wanted to share the song with other schools because it's a social piece," Telmanik said. "I think the combined effect will just blow people away."

And though they have high hopes for the tour and possible performances afterward, the chorus is happy with how far they have come over the past semester.

"We have such a spirited new group of girls and about 75 percent of them are new this year," Chamberlin said. "They are so talented and hard working and we've gotten this far because of

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Jamie Telmanik | Public Relations

the effort they were willing to put towards the group."

For chorus member Dominique Simms, the work put into making the Women's Chorus a recognized organization on campus will pay off during the masquerade ball.

"We want it to be successful, and I know it will be," she said. "Depending on how this goes this year, we might be able to turn this into an annual thing."

The ball will take place in 101 Olscamp at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door. Formal wear is mandatory.

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Ceramics Studio

6 - 10 p.m.

BSU and SMART Quiz Bowl
201A Union - Sky Bank Room

8 p.m.

"Our Town" by Thornton Wilder

Eva Maria Saint Theatre, University Hall

8 - 10 p.m.

Blown Away! The Wild World of Weather
112 Physical Sciences Lab Building

8 - 11 p.m.

Spread the Love
112 Union - Falcon's Nest

9 - 11:15 p.m.

UAO presents, "Saw IV"
206 Union - Theater

University director selected to be editor of magazine

By Steve Kunkler
Reporter**Michael Carroll**

Director of the Center for Regional Development

An international journal has selected a member of the University to become the editor for a new magazine.

Michael Carroll, director of the Center for Regional Development, has recently been selected as the editor-in-chief of a new academic journal of the Regional Science Association International.

The journal had contacted Carroll as a candidate for the job and was selected for the position last April.

The new editor will be responsible for choosing which articles will be placed in each issue of the journal.

Carroll will not be the only person involved. There will be two regional editors selected from North and South America and two from Asia/Pacific and Europe.

Carroll is excited about the opportunity, realizing a position in a new journal doesn't come around very often.

"It's the kind of thing you have your eye out for," Carroll said.

"It's fairly rare that they start these things up."

The journal will include studies focused on economic development and geography around the world.

Even with being considered for the job, Carroll said he was excited because it's a highly competitive position.

"I hoped it would happen. It was kind of a surprise because you're competing with guys from Oxford and Cambridge," Carroll said.

The new position is not only good for Carroll, but also the University. William Burns, an assistant director for the Center for Regional Development said the new position is the result of the work which Carroll has done at the University and reflects well on the Center for Regional Development.

"It shows the respect he is getting both regionally

and internationally with the research he has undertaken," Burns said.

Before Carroll was selected as the editor-in-chief, there was a process which he had to go under to receive the position.

The process to become an editor at the journal includes having a track record of writing and publishing articles and being approved by other scholars working at the journal.

One member is Russ Kashian, secretary for the journal and member of the economy department at Wisconsin-Whitewater.

The articles are sent to what Kashian calls referees, people who read the article for quality.

An article being considered for the journal can be sent to as many as 300 professionals in the same field the article is covering before it's published.

Kashian said the University should be proud to have Carroll on staff.

"The University is fortunate they have him. He is actually one of the premier figures in urban and regional studies."

LAST-MINUTE LOVE



TREVOR LEE | THE BG NEWS

BE MY VALENTINE: Students look for last-minute Valentine's cards at the Peregrine shop.

Blind blues singers no longer unsung, University professor speaks out

By Semira Chowdhury
Reporter

Many people know about the blues and famous blues musicians, but what people do not know is how prominent blind blues musicians are. One University professor is getting the word out.

Joseph Havranek, professor of rehabilitation counseling who has taught at the University since 1992, is writing a book titled 'Visions of Blind Blues Musicians.'

Havranek said the blues have always been an interest in his life.

"My interest in blues goes way back. Basically, when I was a kid I listened to rock and roll. When I was 12 or 13, I listened to soul music. When I was about 16, I listened to psychedelic music," he said. "As that matured in the '70s, I was listening to blues and didn't know it."

In the early '90s, he said he

discovered that blues went back to the 1890s and that gospel went even further back.

He also noted blues grew out of gospel and was viewed by many people in gospel as the "devil's music."

Blues music was known as the "devil's music" because it took people away from the spiritual side of music, he said.

In addition to blues being the "devil's music," not many women sang the blues, and at the time, black women were more church oriented than men, he said.

The blues has changed dramatically because of the electrification of the guitar which means using an electric guitar with an amp.

Before the electrification of

**Joseph Havranek**

Professor of rehabilitation counseling

the guitar, Havranek said people were using acoustic guitar and it was hard to project their voice over a large crowd of people.

Havranek said he decided to write a book on blind blues musicians because about four years ago, he was listening to music in his car and wanted to know who the person was playing. He found out it was Blind Willie McTell.

He said he thought there must be a lot of blind musicians and talked to a colleague named Eric Jones. He said they decided to go to the Chicago Music Festival in 2006.

At the festival, Jones decided to go to a Mississippi booth and see if anyone specialized in music in the Delta.

The Delta in Mississippi is known to be very popular for blues musicians, and some people consider it to be the origin of the blues.

In early January, by the end

"There are a lot of books on the blues and no one has taken that perspective looking at blindness as a disability in blues."

Joseph Havranek | Professor

of the week, Havranek said he received 50 e-mails about various blind blues musicians and then started researching more.

Havranek said he has met ten to 12 musicians and has researched over 90 blind musicians.

He said he has met Blind Mississippi Morris, Sir Charles Atkins, Jimmy Carter, Robert Jackson, Johnny Neel of the Allman Brothers and many more.

When interviewing each musician, he said he has always asked, "If they could change something [in your life] what would they change?"

Havranek said no one has mentioned seeing, but people

a disability in blues."

Havranek said he hopes his book will be finished by the end of summer and said it will be a major accomplishment of his.

"It's a fulfillment of a musical lifetime. It was coming back to where I started and didn't even know it," he said.

Jay Stewart, Director of Rehabilitation Counseling, said Havranek is dedicated, hard working and has made a difference in the lives of many.

"I have worked with Joe Havranek for two decades and he has been one of the hardest working and conscientious rehabilitation professional and professor," he said.

Stewart said Havranek is an expert in his field and is exceptional.

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Junior, Integrated Social Studies



"To be an art director for a magazine."

CHRISTINE ROCKWELL,
Junior, Visual Communications



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Greek life and family life, one in the same



JESS HYLTON
COLUMNIST

Growing up I always wished I had a sister. I love my two brothers very much, but sometimes you just need some ice cream and girl talk.

When I transferred here I decided to look in to the Greek community. I was not sure what I was looking for — in fact, I had always made fun of sorority girls. Then I became one.

Once I was actually "Greek" I realized there were a lot more stereotypes and assumptions about Greek life than I had previously known. The popular phrase being, "you shouldn't have to pay to have friends."

I have given that phrase a lot of thought. Why should I have to pay for friendship?

The conclusion I kept coming to was that a person cannot buy the friendship of another.

You have to pay to be involved in most everything nowadays. An example some might be familiar with is college.

Why should we have to pay to be educated? But our money does not educate us. Our willingness to study, to go to class,

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to turn in homework, to ask questions: that is where our education comes from. The money we spend merely provides the opportunity.

Well, the Greek community has given me and many other women the opportunity to have a family away from home; the opportunity to have sisters.

Most importantly the Greek community has given me the opportunity to give love and be loved from a large group of amazing individuals.

My chapter has had a difficult two semesters this school year. The father of one of my sisters passed away and another sister is currently very ill.

These events have been emotionally draining on many of the women.

When one sister is hurting, we all hurt with her.

However, although these are terrifying and difficult times, there is a joy that can be found.

It has been through these hardships that I have seen true sisterhood. When women drive hours just to be there for another,

or stay up all night waiting for a good or heartbreaking phone call.

In these moments you realize that you truly have sisters.

We may not always see eye-to-eye on everything, but when it comes down to it, we share a love and a bond that cannot be broken.

This is even true for the Greek community at large.

Before I joined Alpha Chi Omega I was scared that if I joined a sorority I would be secluded from everyone else. I did not want to be involved in Greek rivalries or cat-fights.

Imagine my surprise when we did activities to help support other chapters, when we received flowers and cookies from other sororities and fraternities to show their support and affection for us.

And these are the things that you cannot buy. The smiles and the tears are something that no dollar amount could ever make or match.

Love is the strongest bond that people can share with each other, and love is a pure affection that is free to give and free to take away.

It hurts sometimes to know people judge when they see a man or woman wearing Greek letters. The truth is I used to be one of those people.

I know it is difficult to understand something that you know very little about.

But I am so happy that I had my presumptions broken, otherwise I would have missed out on the opportunity to grow close to some of the most amazing women I have ever known.

And is that not true of so many stereotypes? Pre-judgments we give to people hurt us the most in the long run. If I had not taken a chance and ignored my old ways of thinking I never would have met the sisters I always wished for.

Stereotypes and judgment are some of the hardest things to ignore. It is difficult, but it is worth it. You should never sell yourself short of the opportunity to gain a friendship, a family, merely because society says you should turn your back. Some of the most amazing relationships can be found where you never considered looking.

— Respond to Jess at thenews@bgnews.com.

IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD | A LOOK AT MENTAL HEALTH

It feels so real though it was just a dream



ALLY BLANKERTZ
COLUMNIST

"A dream is a wish your heart makes, when you're fast asleep." I hope this is not the case; otherwise my heart has some odd wishes.

The nature of dreaming is such an enigma. For centuries there have been copious amounts of attempts to explain dreaming. Ancient Greeks utilized the dream process as a way of clairvoyance. Oracles would be sustained in semi-dream states and their mumblings would be interpreted as divine messages.

Judeo-Christian traditions also utilize the dream as a means of divine clairvoyance. Stories tell about the dream state as being used as medium for transferring messages from God.

Some voodoo traditions even believe that by ingesting certain roots and herbs you can gain the power to enter another person's dreams.

Freud propelled dream analysis from a psychological perspective into the 20th century with his concept that dreams are unconscious desires. According to Freud, repressed memories coupled with secret wishes are revealed to you via dreaming. As the quote above attests to, even Walt Disney tried his hand at the great mystery.

Dreams are a personal journey. Some dreams can be a pleasure to experience, indulging the dreamer with fantasies of gaining super powers or overcoming great challenges.

Other dreams are more clouded. Confusing the dreamer with mismatched images, snippets of childhood attached to job-related quandaries with people they have never even met.

Personally, these dreams are the kind that fascinate me the most. Recalling back to high school when friends would confide their dreams in me, wondrous tales that no fiction writer could re-create were being woven in these individual's heads.

Minute details all accounted for, such as time-frame, color schemes and individual articles of clothing.

All dreams are different and unique, since every person's psyche is different and unique. I have one friend who experiences some of the most vivid and alluring dreams I have even been told.

These dreams are vast sagas of trial and error. They have clear beginnings and ends, despite the fact that there is no

"Our thoughts carry us away to more mentally stimulating subjects and enjoy the vacation from the oppression of the educational system."

logical relationship between any of the components.

I have remarked to her on more than one occasion that her dreams could be published as a novel. I myself have experienced, on several occasions, re-occurring dreams. Even dreams that varied slightly in subject matter but underlying themes were clearly identical.

There is the dream that is the bane of a teacher's existence, the daydream. Overloaded with information, the student's mind, digresses from the drone of the lecture to a more thrilling place.

Our thoughts carry us away to more mentally stimulating subjects and enjoy the vacation from the oppression of the educational system.

There is also the not so pleasant nighttime dream, the nightmare. The nightmare can be a hellish experience that often leaves the dreamer in a pool of cold sweat.

Usually a barrage of disturbing images and sounds that leaves the dreamer frightened and anxious, this often makes it difficult for the individual to fall back asleep. I find it interesting that considering there are so many variations and interpretations of dreaming that goals and aspirations are still labeled as a dream.

The word "dream" is associated always associated with positive connotations and hopes for the future. Often we forget about the darker side of dreaming, the nightmares and the confusing puzzling dreams that frighten or worry us.

We forget about the functionality of the dream. Some researchers believe that dreams are a way of the brain to relieve itself of the stresses of the day.

The word "dream" itself incites mystery. Since dreams are so individual and only the dreamer can know his own dreams, this adds yet another layer of unknown to the perplexity that is dreaming. It would thus seem appropriate to label future unknown hopes as dreams.

— Ally writes about mental health every Friday. Have a question or topic you'd like her to address? Send it to thenews@bgnews.com.

The deeper we dig, the more truth we find

ANGIE WASSERMAN | GUEST COLUMNIST

In response to Kristin McCormick's Feb. 12 column "A better abortion debate," I first and foremost want to address the issue of abortion at-large. I whole-heartedly agree with Kristin that in order to fully address this problem, we need to "look deeper than the surface of this issue."

However, to do so, we will need to taken an even deeper look than Kristin suggests, precisely for the reason that she proposes: education on human sexuality leaves a lot to be desired.

But we have to ask ourselves: what kind of an education are children and young adults receiving? What kind of a philosophy is being promoted? Are we truly giving them all of the facts? Or are we only presenting them with a skewed version of the facts that we feel are most pertinent to their futures? Are we sentencing them before giving them a fair trial?

Giving up on young women because we have decided "they will still become pregnant when they are not ready to be mothers" can hardly escape its underlying message of pessimistic

"She, like Hitler, desired to contain what she considered to be an inferior black race through abortion and birth control, and was intent on attaining a perfect Aryan race."

oppression. Many people argue that currently, abstinence-only programs do not work. I won't argue against that; as I already stated, I think many of them leave a lot to be desired.

The challenge for us is to make these programs more effective, more purposeful, and more integrated with the whole human person. We need to understand why we are created and why we create, and until we can understand this, we will continue to ineffectively educate people.

Secondly, McCormick states that "...most abortions [more than 60 percent] actually occur during the first nine weeks of pregnancy, and 87 percent of all abortions are performed within the first trimester of pregnancy. The procedure for first-trimester abortions is very different from the procedure that Hylton described."

First off, recognize that these percentages do not pertain to

people's opinions — they pertain to people's lives. The point is not how many unborn babies are subject to the cruel procedure of partial-birth abortion (i.e., dilation and evacuation), but the fact that any are, and that they are subject to any degree of abortion. Heaven forbid you or I might have fallen into that 13 percent. But since we would have been in the minority, would that have constituted our lack of importance?

Some arguments against anti-abortion laws say they are insensitive to victims of rape or incest, that women may be suffering from a physical problem or that an unborn child may end up having health problems. But even then, The Guttmacher Institute, a leading authority on sexual and reproductive health and rights in the United States and worldwide, reports that these conditions collectively constitute only 8.2 percent of the abortions performed in the U.S. The remaining 91.8 percent are justified through social and economic motives, according

to a 1998 study by Akinrinola Bankole, Susheela Singh and Taylor Haas.

Finally, I assume most of you reading this have heard of Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood. For those of you who haven't, she is responsible for founding her pro-abortion platform with "secret" motives of racial cleansing and was highly praised by Adolf Hitler for her philosophy and efforts.

She, like Hitler, desired to contain what she considered to be an inferior black race through abortion and birth control, and was intent on attaining a perfect Aryan race. If the issue is that anti-abortionists refuse peoples' rights, how does the origin of Planned Parenthood serve to promote the rights, freedom, and the so-called pro-"choice" stance for minority women?

Regardless of how we view society's current stance on abortion, we cannot ignore the reality of history nor the fact that the origin of the legalization of abortion was built on lies and deception. If only for this reason, it should have never passed its legislation in the first place.

— Wasserman is a senior, majoring in psychology. Respond to her column at thenews@bgnews.com.

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Fumes force Katrina survivors to relocate

By Michael Kunzelman
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — After downplaying the risks for months, the Federal Emergency Management Agency said yesterday it will rush to move Gulf Coast hurricane victims out of roughly 35,000 government-issued trailers because tests found dangerous levels of formaldehyde fumes.

FEMA Administrator R. David Paulison said the agency hopes to get everyone out and into hotels, motels, apartments and other temporary housing by the summer, when the heat and stuffy air could worsen the problem inside the trailers.

"The real issue is not what it will cost but how fast we can move people out," he said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said fumes from 519 tested trailers and mobile homes in Louisiana and Mississippi were, on average, about five times what people are exposed to in most modern homes. Formaldehyde, a preservative commonly used in construction materials, can lead to breathing problems and is also believed to cause cancer.

The findings stirred worry and anger across the Gulf Coast, where FEMA is already a dirty word and housing has been scarce since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck in 2005.

"Am I angry at FEMA? Of course I am. They should have started moving people out of these trailers once they first started finding



TOXIC TRAILERS: Jim "Hawk" Herring poses with his dog Koko as he talks about the toxic problems in his Federal Emergency Management Agency trailer in the Lakeview area of New Orleans yesterday. U.S. health officials are urging Katrina victims be moved out.

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Lynette Hooks | Hurricane Katrina survivor

problems," said Lynette Hooks, 48. She said that since she began living in her trailer outside her damaged New Orleans home in October 2006, she has suffered headaches and sinus problems, in addition to the asthma she had before.

The CDC findings could also have disturbing implications for the safety of other trailers and mobile homes across the country, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said on Capitol Hill yesterday. But the

CDC study did not look beyond the FEMA housing.

Paulison vowed that the agency will never again use the flimsy, cramped travel trailers to shelter victims of disasters. Mobile homes are generally roomier than trailers and considered less susceptible to buildups of fumes.

FEMA will press ahead with plans to supply leftover, never-used mobile homes from the twin disasters to victims of last week's tornadoes in the South, Paulison said. But the mobile

homes will be opened up, aired out and tested first, he said.

The formaldehyde levels in some trailers were found to be high enough to cause breathing problems in children, the elderly or people who already have respiratory trouble, CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding said. About 5 percent had levels high enough to cause breathing problems even in people who do not ordinarily have respiratory trouble, she said.

Gerberding said the tests could not draw a direct link between formaldehyde levels and the wide range of ailments reported by trailer occupants. But the CDC urged people to move out as quickly as possible.

As early as 2006, trailer occupants began reporting headaches, nosebleeds and difficulty breathing.

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White Castle marriage



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The cake resembled a White Castle tray holding three "slider" burgers, fries and a drink — all made of cake and frosting.

Cyndie Nunemaker of Plain City, 17 miles northwest of Columbus, said she and new husband Brian Wilson opted for the alternative wedding because they love White Castle.

The nuptials were broadcast live on a local radio station, which paid for the flowers and other arrangements.

'Choking Game' claims 82, numbers continue to rise

By Mike Stobbe
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — At least 82 youths have died from the so-called "choking game," according to the first government count of fatalities from the tragic fad.

In the game, children use dog leashes or bungee cords wrapped around their necks or other means to temporarily cut blood flow to their head. The goal is a dreamlike, floating-in-space feeling when blood rushes back into the brain.

As many as 20 percent of teens and preteens play the game, sometimes in groups, according to estimates based on a few local studies. But nearly all the deaths were youths who played alone, according to the count compiled by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC started the research after receiving a letter last year from a Tacoma, Wash., physician who said her 13-year-old son died from playing the game in 2005.

"At the time I had never heard of this," said Dr. Patricia Russell, whose son was found hanging in his closet, but later learned he had talked to a friend about it.

"One thing that really needs to happen — and is starting to happen now — is to get more information about how common this is," she said.

The CDC counted cases from

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Patricia Russell | Physician

news reports and advocacy organizations in the years 1995 through 2007, totaling 82 fatalities of children ages 6 to 19. They did not include deaths in which it was unclear if the death was from the choking game or if it was a suicide. They also did not include deaths that involved autoerotic asphyxiation, which is self-strangulation during masturbation and is said to be mainly done by teenage boys or men.

The 82 deaths were spread across 31 states. Nearly 90 percent were boys, at an average age of about 13, the CDC found.

Three or fewer deaths were reported from 1995 through 2004. They jumped to 22 in 2005, 35 in 2006 and at least nine in 2007. It's not clear what drove the increase in recent years, investigators said.

The report is being published this week in a CDC publication, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

Bush calls for missile intervention in attempts to stop broken satellite

By Lolita C. Baldor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush has ordered the Pentagon to use a Navy missile to attempt to destroy a broken U.S. spy satellite — and thereby minimize the risk to humans from its toxic fuel — by intercepting it just before it re-enters the atmosphere, officials said yesterday.

The effort — the first of its kind — will be undertaken because of the potential that people in the area where the satellite would otherwise crash could be harmed, the officials said.

Deputy National Security Adviser James Jeffrey, briefing reporters at the Pentagon, did not say when the attempted

intercept would be conducted, but the satellite is expected to hit Earth during the first week of March.

"This is all about trying to reduce the danger to human beings," Jeffrey said.

Gen. James Cartwright, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at the same briefing that the "window of opportunity" for such a shootdown, presumably to be launched from a Navy ship, will open in the next three or four days and last for seven or eight days. He did not say whether the Pentagon has decided on an exact launch date.

Cartwright said this will be an unprecedented effort; he would not say exactly what are

the odds of success.

"This is the first time we've used a tactical missile to engage a spacecraft," Cartwright said.

After extensive study and analysis, U.S. officials came to the conclusion that, "we're better off taking the attempt than not," Cartwright said.

He said a Navy missile known as Standard Missile 3 would be fired in an attempt to intercept the satellite just prior to it re-entering Earth's atmosphere.

It would be "next to impossible" to hit the satellite after that because of atmospheric disturbances, Cartwright said.

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Jakupcin named MAC Player of the Week

BG Tennis player Kelsey Jakupcin was named MAC Tennis Player of the Week. This is the second time the junior has earned the weekly award this season, and the third time in her college career.

FOOTBALL

Bearcats' QB Mauk won't be back next season

Cincinnati Bearcats quarterback Ben Mauk was denied another year of eligibility by the NCAA yesterday. Cincinnati finished last season as the No. 17 team in the country.

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OUR CALL

The List

Kelvin Sampson and Indiana University are in some hot water. Today, we list five negative impacts on the IU basketball program.

- 1. Reputation:** This is one of the most prestigious programs in the country.
- 2. Timing:** Sampson's illegal activities come at a time when the Hoosiers are 20-4 and playing well.
- 3. Players:** What impact will Sampson's actions have on such a talented team?
- 4. Sanctions?:** It is possible the administration could put sanctions (like no March Madness) on the program to punish it for Sampson's actions.
- 5. New Coach?:** If Sampson goes, former BG coach Dan Dakich could become IU's new head coach.

Saturday double-header



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BACK ON TOP: With Wednesday's win, BG is tied for first in the MAC East at 7-3.

Women gunning for fourth straight win vs. E. Michigan

By Chris Voloschuk
Sports Editor

The BG women's basketball team is currently on a roll.

The Falcons 18-6 (7-3) are fresh off of their third win in a row and are coming back home for the second part of a Saturday basketball double-header at Anderson Arena. With their scrappy 87-82 road victory over the Central Michigan Chippewas Wednesday night, BG moved into a three-way tie with Ohio and Miami for first place in the Mid-American Conference East Division.

Tomorrow, the Falcons will host Eastern Michigan. The game will be a battle of teams with matching 7-3 in-conference records. EMU is currently on a three-game winning streak of their own and tied for first in the MAC West with Western Michigan.

Eastern will enter tomorrow's game one of the top offensive teams in the MAC. Their leading scorer, sophomore guard Alyssa Pittman, averages 13.1 points per game.

As a team, EMU averages 67 points a game — good enough for fifth-best in the conference. Their scoring margin of +5.1 points a game is second-best in the conference, just behind BG.

Eastern is no slouch on the defensive end either. They lead the MAC in steals per game with 10.64. They also don't allow their competition to score easily from the field or from beyond the arc. This season, opponents are shooting just 39 percent from the field and 34 percent from three-point range against them.

Tip off at Anderson Arena is scheduled for 7 p.m. The game will also serve as BG's "Think Pink" breast cancer awareness event.

Men's Basketball — BG vs. Akron Fast Facts

Payback: When BG visited Akron in January, they were routed, 80-44.

Lethal: In their last meeting, Akron forward Quade Milum scorched the Falcons for 22 points.

Standings: At 6-4, BG is tied with Miami for third place in the MAC East.

On the rebound: BG will be looking to get back in the win column after losing to Eastern Michigan, 78-68, on Wednesday.

Women's Basketball — BG vs. Eastern Michigan Fast Facts

Rolling: BG has won three games in a row.

Even Match up: Both BG and EMU have 7-3 records in MAC play.

Technicality: BG has the best overall record in the MAC at 18-6.

Eagles: EMU is 13-9 overall.

MAC EAST STANDINGS — MEN'S HOOPS

Kent State: 9-2

Ohio: 7-4

Akron: 7-4

BG: 6-5

Miami: 6-5

Buffalo: 2-9

MAC EAST STANDINGS — WOMEN'S HOOPS

BG: 7-3

Ohio: 7-3

Miami: 7-3

Buffalo: 5-5

Kent State: 3-7

Akron: 2-8



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BAD MEMORY: The last time BG and Akron played, BG lost by a whopping 36 points.

Men's basketball out for revenge against Akron

By Bill Bordewick
Assistant Sports Editor

Revenge will be on the minds of the Falcons as the host team who gave them their biggest defeat of the season.

BG hosts the Akron Zips tomorrow at 2 p.m. with a little payback to dish out.

Sunday January 20, the Zips handed BG an 80-44 drubbing in a game that was probably not even that close.

Quade Milum led the Zip attack with 22 points off the bench and Nick Goddard's three ball in the final seconds of the game clinched free food for everyone in attendance.

When the Zips hit 80, they get free wings from Scorcher.

The Falcons will look for a little food themselves tomorrow if they can hit 85 point.

Both teams will come into the

game after losses. The Falcons lost on Wednesday night 78-68 at the hands of Eastern Michigan.

Akron's loss coming into the game was a little more shocking as it snapped a 22 game home winning streak.

The Zips lost to Northern Illinois and may have been feeling the effects of losing center and leading scorer Jeremiah Wood to a knee injury.

Nick Dials and Cedrick Middleton will have to pick up the scoring slack while the Falcons will look to get similar production out of forwards Nate Miller and Chris Knight.

Akron currently leads the MAC in scoring with 73.1 points per game. Their average margin of victory has been 8.5 points a game.

The game will mark BG's second to last home game of the season.



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ON THE MOVE: Junior defenseman Kevin Schmidt handles the puck during last Saturday's 4-1 loss to Alaska at the BG Ice Arena

Hockey to face off with Nebraska-Omaha

By Ethan Magoc
Reporter

There is no doubt that the Falcon hockey team has recently failed to capitalize on many opportunities to move up in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association standings.

This weekend, however, BG can forget the ups and downs of the past six weeks by collecting a few

points from Nebraska-Omaha.

The Falcons have been chasing the Mavericks for fifth place in the CCHA for several weeks now, and now the two teams will finally go head-to-head at the Civic Auditorium in downtown Omaha. BG left on a plane from Detroit yesterday and arrived in time for an evening practice before tonight and tomorrow's big games at 8:05 p.m. each night.

Playing on the road this year has been a strong point this year for the Falcons. They hold an 8-7 road record — good for sixth-best in the nation among Division I hockey teams. With two wins in Omaha this weekend, they could post their highest road win total since 1989-90 when they had 10 under coach

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Gymnasts to host Central Michigan tomorrow

By Sean Shapiro
Reporter

Following a win last week in Ball State in one of their lowest scoring nights of the season, the Falcons return home tomorrow to the Eppler Complex to host the Central Michigan Chippewas at 7 p.m.

"We're really excited to be home, the athletes have been talking about how nice it will be to be on our own equipment, because there always is a bit of adjustment going to another school," said head Coach Kerrie Beach.

For BG it presents the chance to improve to a perfect 3-0 in the conference and 4-2 overall. The Chippewas enter the meet with a 2-7 record overall and a 1-2 conference mark following a home win against their rival Western Michigan.

The meet also will showcase two of the MAC's top gymnasts from last week's action, Central's Jamie Neel who was named athlete of the week and BG's Jacquelyn Bernhardt who was named the specialist of the week. Neel who recorded a 39.025 in the all-around last week was a big part of the Chippewas season high team score 193.200 against Western Michigan.

Bernhardt, a senior, led the



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STEADY: BG's Jhoelen Ponce walks the balance beam during a January meet.

Falcons last week winning the Vault and the Floor with a 9.750 and 9.725 respectively.

"She really went out and shined on vault and floor. We put her last on floor because we felt like every week she's been getting

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SUSAN WALSH | AP PHOTO

ON THE MIC: Brian McNamee testifies before members of Congress on Capitol Hill.

McNamee lawyers believe Clemens will get pardoned

By Ronald Blum
The Associated Press

One of Brian McNamee's lawyers predicted that if Roger Clemens is convicted in connection with the baseball steroids scandal, he'd be pardoned by President Bush. Lawyer Richard Emery also said some Republicans treated his client harshly because of the pitcher's friendship with the Bush family.

Emery made the claims yesterday, a day after a congressional hearing broke down along party lines. Many Democrats were skeptical of Clemens' denials he used performance-enhancing drugs and Republicans questioned the character of McNamee, the personal trainer who made the accusations against the seven-time Cy Young Award winner.

"It would be the easiest thing in the world for George W. Bush, given the corrupt proclivities of his administration, to say Roger Clemens is an American hero, Roger Clemens helped children," Emery said in a telephone interview. "It's my belief they have some reason to believe they can get a pardon."

During Wednesday's session before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Clemens repeated his denials under oath, which could lead to criminal charges if federal prosecutors conclude he made false statements or obstructed Congress.

"I'm not aware of Mr. Clemens having been charged

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Richard Emery | Lawyer

with anything," White House deputy press secretary Tony Fratto said after being told of Emery's remarks.

Emery cited Bush's decision last year to commute the two-year prison sentence of I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, his vice president's former top aide. Libby was convicted in the case of the leaked identity of a CIA operative.

During the hearing, Clemens cited his friendship with Bush's father, President George H.W. Bush, a baseball fan who regularly attends Houston Astros' games. Clemens said he was on a recent hunting trip when the elder Bush called with words of support.

GYMNASTS

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stronger and stronger," Beach said. "It comes down to Jacque being a senior, she has great experience competing and she has been training so well."

In order to get the victory the Falcons will also need a large contribution from their seven freshmen that struggled collectively last week. BG will also have Meg Satterlee and Michelle Luchini back at full strength after injury troubles last week.

Despite their record Central comes in as a dangerous squad who not only has Neel but two other winners of the MAC athlete of the week this year. On paper the Falcons have the seemingly better squad however the Chippewas have a higher high score on the season 193.2

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Kerrie Beach | Coach

to BG's 191.975.

"They did have a rough start this year, but they've always managed to come on strong at the end of the season, so we never underestimate Central," Beach said.

NCAA denies Mauk another year of eligibility

By Joe Kay
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The NCAA turned down Cincinnati quarterback Ben Mauk's request for another season of eligibility, a major setback for the up-and-coming Big East team that finished with a No. 17 ranking.

The quarterback overcame a career-threatening shoulder injury while leading the Bearcats to 10 victories last season, including a 31-21 win over Southern Mississippi in the Papajohns.com Bowl.

Mauk threw for 31 touchdowns and 3,121 yards in Cincinnati's no-huddle, spread offense, and hoped to get one more year to show what he could do now that he's healthy.

"I wouldn't say it's a major disappointment," Mauk said on campus Thursday, wearing a Cincinnati sweatshirt and baseball cap. "There's more to life than football."

His story was one of college football's best last season.

He broke his passing arm and dislocated his shoulder in the 2006 season opener while playing for Wake Forest. Doctors inserted a steel plate in his arm and metal anchors in his shoulder.

Mauk missed the rest of that season, and still wasn't sure if he would play again when he transferred to Cincinnati for his graduate studies. At worst, he figured he could develop other quarterbacks for coach Brian Kelly's offense. Plus, he was closer to his home in Ohio.

By the time football practice started, Mauk's arm was getting better. He won the starting job, but had to sit out one game and parts of others because scar tissue in the shoulder was bothering him.

The shoulder got better as the season went along. Mauk and a turnover-forcing defense led Cincinnati's unexpected rise into the Top 25. The university



KEVIN RIVOLI | AP PHOTO

LETTING IT FLY: Cincinnati quarterback Ben Mauk attempts to throw the deep ball against Syracuse last season. Mauk was denied a request for one more year of eligibility.

supported his push to try to get another year of eligibility.

"Anytime you return somebody that threw 31 touchdown passes and led your football team, clear-

ly that's a piece that you want back," Kelly said, standing outside his office on campus.

Under NCAA rules, a player has four years of sports eligibil-

ity that must be used up within a five-year window. Mauk took a redshirt season as a freshman, then missed almost all the 2006 season because of the injury.

He asked the NCAA to give him a sixth year to exhaust his eligibility, arguing that he was forced to take the redshirt year as a freshman. The association declined.

"There's no question that we're disappointed," Kelly said. "I don't know that I would say surprised when it came to this. We were prepared for the worst and hoping for the best."

The Bearcats have several quarterbacks available for next season, including former Notre Dame quarterback Demetrius Jones, who enrolled last September.

Jones started Notre Dame's season opener against Georgia Tech and fumbled twice in the 33-3 defeat, the worst opening loss in Irish history. He was one of three quarterbacks who failed to get their foundering offense moving. Later, Notre Dame agreed to release him from his scholarship as long as he transferred to a school that is not on its schedule.

Cincinnati also returns quarterbacks Dustin Grutza and Tony Pike.

"We're disappointed in the loss of Ben and the circumstances surrounding it, but the cupboard's not bare," Kelly said.

Mauk is finishing his degree in criminal justice. He had surgery on the shoulder in December to clean out scar tissue, and no longer feels the pain that bothered him last season.

"I want to continue working out and getting myself in the best shape I can be in and get my shoulder rehabilitated and see what I can do," Mauk said. "Obviously I can start working, [or] I can try out for the NFL. I'm going to sit down with my family in the next week and decide what I'm going to do."

HOCKEY

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Jerry York

Current coach Scott Paluch and his players have stuck to the old level-headed mantra of "It's just another game" for most of the season.

On Tuesday, though, even a composed Paluch could not deny that this series is perhaps the biggest of the season.

"Our players are aware of this series' importance, and we're using it as motivation," Paluch said.

That's a different tune than the team has sung for most of the season, when they would put games against Michigan and Miami on the same level as a Lake Superior or Western Michigan match-up.

Perhaps the biggest reason for this new mental strategy is that the Falcons have now distanced themselves from the bottom of the pack enough so that they can

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Tomas Petruska | Forward

focus on larger issues at hand like securing home-ice in the first round of the playoffs.

For a team that was picked to finish last before the season started, BG certainly would not want to get caught up in discussion of a jump up in the standings.

A few weeks ago that might have caused them to lose focus, but now the focus should in fact be on moving up in the standings. UNO sits two points up of BG in the CCHA standings with two more conference games in hand.

Paluch noted the importance of this because it gives his team a distinct advantage if they were to collect four points from the

Mavericks. Nebraska will have only two CCHA games remaining (against Northern Michigan) after this weekend, while the Falcons still have four games left against Ferris State and Michigan State to finish out the season.

Speaking of advantages, the Falcons need to come out firing early this weekend to have a chance at leapfrogging UNO.

BG is only 2-12 when it allows the first goal this season, yet 12-2 when scoring first.

This is perhaps the most distinct manifestation of the importance of the first goal that hockey at any level has ever seen. Tomas Petruska explained the simple significance

of his team jumping out early.

"When we score first it gives us more confidence," Petruska said. "It's always easier to break up plays than create a play. If you're up 1-0 then you want to get that other goal, but you still have that safety there because you scored first."

"If you go down, then your goalie has to make a couple big saves and it's all a head game, you know?"

Last year the Falcons didn't handle that head game against the Mavericks very well at all. BG fell behind to UNO early on in every regular season game and thus posted a record of 0-4 against them.

"There was a stretch there, three or four years ago, where we played very well against this team," said Paluch, referring to the team's 5-2-1 record from 2002 to 2006 against Nebraska. "The last couple of years it has not been that way and even though we've played well, we have not had the same success with getting points."

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BGSU wraps up cross-divisional MAC play by hosting the Eagles on Think Pink/National Girls & Women in Sports Day.

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WEEKEND PLANS

LOCAL

John Jorgenson Quintet

Tonight at Grounds for Thought, John Jorgenson will amaze the audience with his jazz band featuring the sounds of guitars, clarinets and vocals.



Art Exhibition

The exhibit titled, "Circumstance: The Intersection between Choice and Chance" will open in the student union gallery on Sunday. The exhibit represents the artistic reactions from juniors and seniors in the School of Art to tensions between choices and chance in life. Free.

TOLEDO AREA

Trace Adkins

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the SeaGate Convention Centre, country star Trace Adkins will perform. Tickets are \$39.75. Call the box office at (419) 321-5007 for more information.



Golf Tournament

Hosted by the Epilepsy Center, 'Practically a Golf Tournament' will take place until Sunday at the Westfield Franklin Park Mall. This miniature golf competition is open to the public, and the top 18 teams will compete for a trophy and other prizes.

ELSEWHERE

Sixth annual Mid-Winter Powwow

Saturday and Sunday at the Holiday Inn in Lima, the 6th annual Lima Mid-Winter Powwow will feature Native American art, crafts, food, dancing and singing. Tickets are \$5.

Check out the review of "There Will Be Blood" and 88.1 WBGU's top ten album list at bgnews.com

THEY SAID IT

"A word to the wise ain't necessary — it's the stupid ones that need the advice."

-Bill Cosby



FREDDY HUNT | THE BG NEWS

A hearty dip for the broken-hearted



By Freddy Hunt
Assistant City Editor

For those who don't have a special person in their lives, this week can be a rude reminder of the fact. Maybe you didn't get a box of chocolates in a red heart-shaped box, or a note on your windshield from a secret admirer. Perhaps the singing telegram forgot to show up, or the valentines

card e-mail your mom sent fried your hard drive. For those who celebrated singles awareness and not Valentine's Day, I offer you this recipe.

Eat all the garlic you want; you're not kissing anyone. Bacon is more comforting than ice cream and chocolate — unless it's bacon chocolate, which does exist. Who is going to care if your breath stinks of cheese? Nobody. This warm and romantically stinky dip is guaranteed to love you. And when you're done, you just have to clean up, no cuddling involved.

Lonely Artichoke Heart Dip

- 14 ounce can of quartered artichoke hearts
- 3 ounce chopped spinach
- 1 cup cream cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped bacon
- 1/2 cup shredded parmesan
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 4 teaspoons chopped garlic
- Cracked pepper corn to taste

Chop the artichokes into smaller pieces that fit a tortilla chip and put into a large bowl. Add the spinach, bits of bacon, 1/4 cup of parmesan, chili powder, lemon juice and garlic. Mix well before folding in the cream cheese. You may want to soften the cream cheese first by sticking it in the microwave for a few seconds. After all the ingredients are mixed thoroughly and evenly, pour into a pie tin or casserole dish about two inches deep. Top with remaining parmesan and preheat oven to 375 F and bake for 30 minutes.

Frazzled clerks recreate the classics

By Joe Cunningham
Previewer

Among the newest generation of filmmakers working in the industry, Michael Gondry has solidified himself as one of the most innovative and original writer/directors out there. His body of work includes such films as "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" (for which he won an Academy Award®) and "The Science of Sleep."

His latest film is "Be Kind Rewind." It tells the story of two clerks (Mos Def and Jack Black) in a video rental store who accidentally erase all of the tapes in the store. Fortunately, their only customer at the store is an old woman (Mia Farrow) suffering from dementia, so they decide to remake all of the films themselves.

Gondry is the type of auteur whose type of films are ones that

are either going to catch on among members of the public, like "Eternal Sunshine..." or fall on deaf ears for a majority of casual movie-goers. No matter which of these occurs, there is an almost sure thing that it will be a well done, original film, unlike anything else that plays in theaters these days.

One of the few things which might hold "Be Kind Rewind" back from being a big hit is its quirkiness. Not only that of the writer/director, but of the stars as well.

Both Jack Black and Mos Def are among the more strange talents in their field, and can be grating on a more casual movie audience.

This is the kind of movie that can really affect audiences and remind them why we all love movies so much. It will just be a matter of how many people are willing to give the movie enough of a shot that it even has a chance to catch on.

Local high school students strike a chord in local music scene, play venues in BG, Toledo

By Alissa O'Neill
Reporter

Most sophomores in high school are concerned with OGT scores or starting the college-search process. But three local high school sophomores can add finding a manager and getting signed to a record label to that list of concerns.

Two years ago guitarist and vocalist Anna Schaeffer, a student at Perrysburg High School, went to a family camp where she met drummer Jon Heider, a student at Bowling Green High School.

"I was in a band at the time," Schaeffer recalled. "But when that band later broke up, I called Jon

"We sort of booked our first show without a band name."

Anna Schaeffer | Lead Singer

to see if he wanted to form a band with me."

The two went through a number of other band members, and when their last bass player left, Schaeffer decided to ask the guy whose locker was next to hers if he was interested. Brendon Schack said yes, and the rest, as they say, is history.

The band had its first show in

May 2007 at Rick's Music Café in Northwood, but forgot one important aspect before booking the show: They hadn't come up with a band name yet.

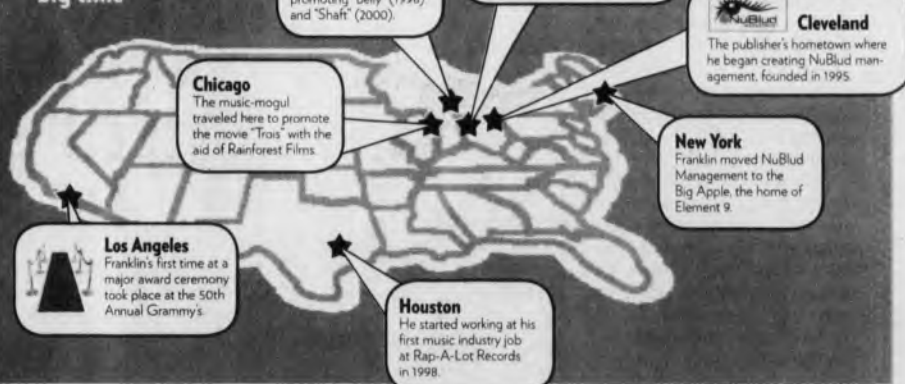
"Well we sort of booked our first show without a band name," Schaeffer admitted with a laugh. "So we were throwing different things out there and they were all stupid, but then we came up with Pitch Red and it just sort of stuck."

Originating from a line in their song "Omen," Pitch Red not only became the band's new name, but also led to a nickname for their loyal fans.

"We have a main group of

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FROM FIELDS TO THE HILLS: Tony Franklin's journey to the big time



the evolution of tony franklin

"Soulja Boy" publisher emerges from the farm land of BG to the red carpet of LA

By Christy Johnson
Reporter

Walking down the red carpet at the Grammy Awards is a dream for some students at the University.

For alumnus Tony Franklin, that dream became reality on Sunday night.

Franklin attended the 50th annual Grammy awards as part of Element 9's management team. Element 9 published the Grammy-nominated hit for best rap song, "Crank That," performed by up-and-comer Soulja Boy.

This is the first time Franklin has been at a major award ceremony and the journey leading up to it has been anything but easy.

Franklin, a 1987 graduate, has been from Cleveland to Houston and back trying to get his foot in the door of the hip-hop industry. It all started right here at the 88.1 WBGU, where Franklin disc jockeyed the station's first hip-hop hour in 1983.

Along with being involved in radio, Franklin was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

After graduation, Franklin took a job at Monroe Contractor and Supply, but wasn't happy with it.

"My mom wanted me to get a real job, but I absolutely hated going to work," Franklin said. "I remember saying to myself, if I don't get out now, I will be stuck forever — I didn't just want a job. I wanted to live. I wanted

a life." Not long after Franklin decided to pack up and move to Houston, Texas in 1988 where within six months he landed a job with Rap-A-Lot Records, who he still is associated with today. But success did not come in the form of dollars and cents. Franklin remembers not earning a "dime" during the first eight years in the business. Still do all of the Midwest for Rap-A-Lot promotions.

"It was like some of the darkest times of my life," Franklin said. "A lot of people were telling me that I was stupid, but I was having so much fun, I didn't even know I was broke."

Franklin also works with Suave House, who broke, among many, Smooth Rhythms Criminals and 8Ball. It was then Franklin began to see revenue.

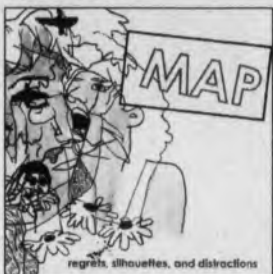
In the mid-90s Franklin started conceptualizing NuBlud Management, which was named after fellow University alumni Ann Chapman suggested it. Again he picked up and moved, this time back to his hometown of Cleveland to work with NuBlud Management, which was officially founded in 1995. Franklin was trying to carve out an area of the United States where he wanted to manage. NuBlud held shop from Chicago to Buffalo and from Louisville, Kentucky to Toronto, Canada.

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MYSAPCECOM/PITCHRED

SOPHOMORE MUSICIANS: Bandmates Anna Schaeffer, Jon Heider, and Brendon Schack, members at various high schools in the area, play their first show in May 2007.

ALBUM
REVIEWS
MAP
Grade | A
**"REGRETS, SILHOUETTES
AND DISTRACTIONS"**
WHAT DAVE HERRERA THINKS:

I've been listening to MAP's "Regrets, Silhouettes and Distractions" for a little more than a week now, and I still can't figure out why I like it. Maybe it's the subdued quality of the first 20 minutes or so. "Crime Theory" and "Alone on Christmas" mask Josh Dooley's voice under seas of reverb, while the guitars strum quietly along. Occasionally drums offer a few thumps, but otherwise hang out with calm shakers and tambourines. Maybe it's the sudden shift into "A Monk with a Gun" or the 12-minute epic "Vixen (I've Been Caught)". Those tracks are dark, dreary affairs ("It's been years since we started this charade/Girl, I have been replaced/Don't walk away from me/I'm talking to you"). There are huge codas of endlessly repeating riffs. The keyboards sound like they're slopped in molasses and cold electronic drums replace the splashes of the songs before. Maybe it's the just-as-sudden shift back into Belle and Sebastian territory, all short bits of dream pop that each manage to have a distinct feel. None of these sections of the album sounds like the other. Usually I wouldn't like that. This time, I do, and I really don't know why. I just know it's unpretentious and enjoyable.


KISSING COUSINS
Grade | B+
"SHE'S RIGHT"
WHAT DAVE HERRERA THINKS:

Kissing Cousins' latest EP "She's Right" is short — just over eight and a half minutes — but sweet, like a more mysterious and sparse Sleater-Kinney. "Let You Down" sees a flute waft around a steady bass drum pulse and a guitar slowly spiraling into some seedy back alley. "This Is Still Me" dips into a sea of reverb — you could almost hear Radiohead mimicking the sung-spoken lines and occasional glockenspiel. "She's Right" is louder and assertive. Less original, but still catchy. Hopefully, after now four EPs, the band can graduate to full-length territory. But for now, right on.

PITCH RED

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people called the 'Redheads' that come to every one of our concerts," Schaeffer said. "Kind of like the 'Grateful Deadheads,' but 'Redheads.'"

Their fans have reason to get excited. Since its formation a year ago, Pitch Red has already received offers from managers looking to manage their band. The band has also played at numerous venues such as Howard's Club H, Headliner's in Toledo, and Schaeffer's personal favorite, Club Bijou in Toledo.

"The sound guy there is awesome," Schaeffer said. "And I love the atmosphere, it's very retro and vintage."

Pitch Red is looking to move beyond the local circuit this summer with hopes to play in Michigan, Missouri and other parts of Ohio. The band also plans to release its debut EP, which will feature six original songs, in early March.

"We're really hoping to get signed, too," Schaeffer added to the list of the band's future plans.

Schaeffer said it's really hard to describe their music because their sound is very different, but she also said its that quality that sets them apart from other bands.

"First off, the fact that we have a

No longer
vomiting
on Feb. 14
EMILY RIPPE
 SHE SAID
 COLUMNIST

Valentine's Day gets a bad rap for being, well, Valentine's Day. But the often-criticized and flat-out-ignored-by-men (hmm, where's my counterpart today?) holiday means quite a bit to women — both single and taken. In honor of the Feb. 14 festivities, which you probably couldn't escape yesterday, I would like to discuss the woman's perspective on V-Day.

Let's start with the single woman's feelings. This is actually familiar to me, being a girl who has celebrated many years of dateless Valentine's Days. I don't really look back fondly on those past celebrations. Watching my friends and random cutesy couples exchange gifts, hugs and kisses, my mouth would fill with this putrid, almost puke-like, taste, and my mood wasn't much better.

I'd think to myself, sometimes aloud, "I hate this Hallmark-created holiday!" And while I'd secretly be hoping to receive a Candygram or box of chocolate from a secret admirer, everyone who knew me just figured I was just giving the finger to the man; you know, rebelling against the system.

I know a lot of girls who also express this same negative sentiment toward Valentine's

Day. It's just way too much to take in when you're constantly being reminded of your perpetual loneliness. It also doesn't help that every couple seems to be rubbing their happiness in your face just by being happy together in public on Valentine's Day.

However, the past couple years have been somewhat different for me. Suddenly, I found myself in a relationship on the formerly abhorred holiday, and it becomes a day I actually look forward to. Last year was the first time I ever received a dozen red roses, and I must say that there is nothing better to boost your ego.

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With their unique sound and band members, Pitch Red is definitely making noise on the local music scene. To listen to live recordings of their music and view upcoming show dates, check out Pitch Red's MySpace page at www.myspace.com/pitchred.

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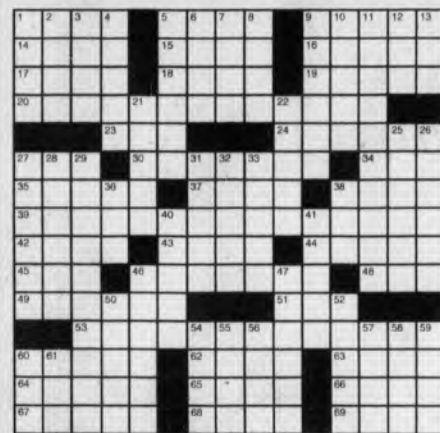
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THEY SAID IT

"A word to the wise ain't necessary — it's the stupid ones that need the advice."

-Bill Cosby



FREDDY HUNT | THE BG NEWS

A hearty dip for the broken-hearted



By Freddy Hunt
Assistant City Editor

For those who don't have a special person in their lives, this week can be a rude reminder of the fact. Maybe you didn't get a box of chocolates in a red heart-shaped box, or a note on your windshield from a secret admirer. Perhaps the singing telegram forgot to show up, or the valentines

card e-mail your mom sent fried your hard drive. For those who celebrated singles awareness and not Valentine's Day, I offer you this recipe.

Eat all the garlic you want; you're not kissing anyone. Bacon is more comforting than ice cream and chocolate — unless it's bacon chocolate, which does exist. Who is going to care if your breath stinks of cheese? Nobody. This warm and romantically stinky dip is guaranteed to love you. And when you're done, you just have to clean up, no cuddling involved.

Lonely Artichoke Heart Dip

- 14 ounce can of quartered artichoke hearts
- 3 ounce chopped spinach
- 1 cup cream cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped bacon
- 1/2 cup shredded parmesan
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 4 teaspoons chopped garlic
- Cracked pepper corn to taste

Chop the artichokes into smaller pieces that fit a tortilla chip and put into a large bowl. Add the spinach, bits of bacon, 1/4 cup of parmesan, chili powder, lemon juice and garlic. Mix well before folding in the cream cheese. You may want to soften the cream cheese first by sticking it in the microwave for a few seconds. After all the ingredients are mixed thoroughly and evenly, pour into a pie tin or casserole dish about two inches deep. Top with remaining parmesan and preheat oven to 375 F and bake for 30 minutes.

Frazzled clerks recreate the classics

By Joe Cunningham
Previewer

Among the newest generation of filmmakers working in the industry, Michael Gondry has solidified himself as one of the most innovative and original writer/directors out there. His body of work includes such films as "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" (for which he won an Academy Award®) and "The Science of Sleep."

His latest film is "Be Kind Rewind." It tells the story of two clerks (Mos Def and Jack Black) in a video rental store who accidentally erase all of the tapes in the store. Fortunately, their only customer at the store is an old woman (Mia Farrow) suffering from dementia, so they decide to remake all of the films themselves.

Gondry is the type of auteur whose type of films are ones that

are either going to catch on among members of the public, like "Eternal Sunshine..." or fall on deaf ears for a majority of casual movie-goers. No matter which of these occurs, there is an almost sure thing that it will be a well done, original film, unlike anything else that plays in theaters these days.

One of the few things which might hold "Be Kind Rewind" back from being a big hit is its quirkiness. Not only that of the writer/director, but of the stars as well.

Both Jack Black and Mos Def are among the more strange talents in their field, and can be grating on a more casual movie audience.

This is the kind of movie that can really affect audiences and remind them why we all love movies so much. It will just be a matter of how many people are willing to give the movie enough of a shot that it even has a chance to catch on.

Local high school students strike a chord in local music scene, play venues in BG, Toledo

By Alissa O'Neill
Reporter

Most sophomores in high school are concerned with OGT scores or starting the college-search process. But three local high school sophomores can add finding a manager and getting signed to a record label to that list of concerns.

Two years ago guitarist and vocalist Anna Schaeffer, a student at Perrysburg High School, went to a family camp where she met drummer Jon Heider, a student at Bowling Green High School.

"I was in a band at the time," Schaeffer recalled. "But when that band later broke up, I called Jon

"We sort of booked our first show without a band name."

Anna Schaeffer | Lead Singer

to see if he wanted to form a band with me."

The two went through a number of other band members, and when their last bass player left, Schaeffer decided to ask the guy whose locker was next to hers if he was interested. Brendon Schack said yes, and the rest, as they say, is history.

The band had its first show in

the evolution of tony franklin



"Soulja Boy" publisher emerges from the farm land of BG to the red carpet of LA

By Christy Johnson
Reporter

Walking down the red carpet at the Grammy Awards is a dream for some students at the University.

For alumnus Tony Franklin, that dream became reality on Sunday night.

Franklin attended the 50th annual Grammy awards as part of Element 9's management team. Element 9 published the Grammy-nominated hit for best rap song, "Crank That," performed by up-and-comer Soulja Boy.

This is the first time Franklin has been at a major award ceremony and the journey leading up to it has been anything but easy.

Franklin, a 1987 graduate, has been from Cleveland to Houston and back trying to get his foot in the door of the hip-hop industry. It all started right here at the 68.1 WBGU, where Franklin disc jockeyed the station's first hip-hop hour in 1993.

Along with being involved in radio, Franklin was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

After graduation, Franklin took a job at Monroe Contractor and Supply, but wasn't happy with it.

"My mom wanted me to get a real job, but I absolutely hated going to work," Franklin said. "I remember saying to myself, if I don't get out now, I will be stuck forever — I didn't just want a job. I wanted to live. I wanted

a life."

Not long after Franklin decided to pack up and move to Houston, Texas in 1994 where within six months he landed a job with Rap-A-Lot Records, who he still is associated with today. But success did not come in the form of dollars and cents. Franklin remembers not earning a "dime" during the first eight years in the business. Still, he did all of the Midwest for Rap-A-Lot promotions.

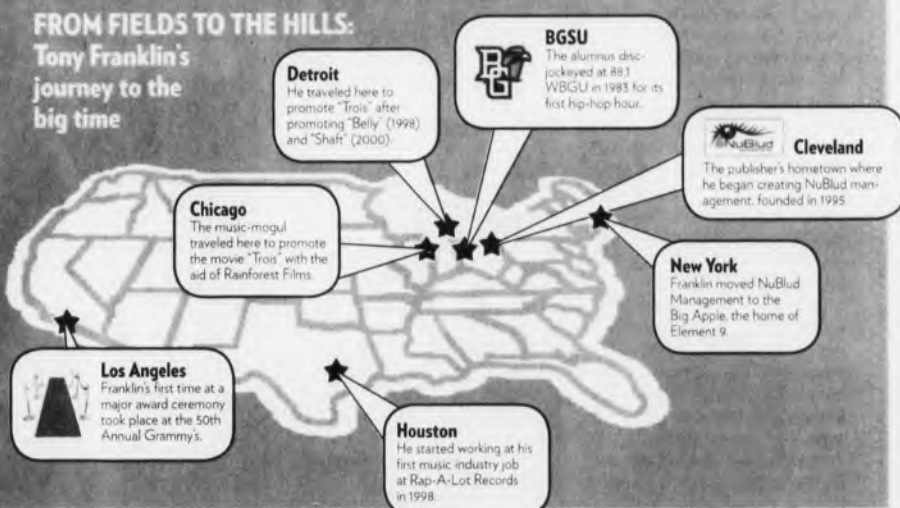
"It was like some of the darkest times of my life," Franklin said. "A lot of people were telling me that I was stupid, but I was having so much fun, I didn't even know I was broke."

Franklin also works with Slave House, who broke, among many, Smooth Rhythms: Criminals and Rock. It was then Franklin began to see revenue.

In the mid-90s Franklin started conceptualizing NuBlud Management, which was named after fellow University alumni Ann Chapman suggested it. Again he picked up and moved, this time back to his hometown of Cleveland to work with NuBlud Management, which was officially founded in 1995. Franklin was trying to carve out an area of the United States where he wanted to manage NuBlud hold shop from Chicago to Buffalo and from Louisville, Kentucky to Toronto, Canada.

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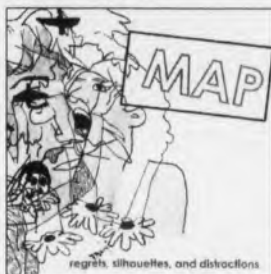
FROM FIELDS TO THE HILLS: Tony Franklin's journey to the big time



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SOPHOMORE MUSICIANS: Bandmates Anna Schaeffer, Jon Heider, and Brendon Schack, members at various high schools in the area, play their first show in May 2007.

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ALBUM
REVIEWS

■ MAP
■ Grade | A

"REGRETS, SILHOUETTES
AND DISTRACTIONS"

WHAT DAVE HERRERA THINKS:

I've been listening to MAP's 'Regrets, Silhouettes and Distractions' for a little more than a week now, and I still can't figure out why I like it. Maybe it's the subdued quality of the first 20 minutes or so, "Crime Theory" and "Alone on Christmas" mask Josh Dooley's voice under seas of reverb, while the guitars strum quietly along. Occasionally drums offer a few thumps, but otherwise hang out with calm shakers and tambourines.

Maybe it's the sudden shift into "A Monk with a Gun" or the 12-minute epic "Vixen [I've Been Caught]." Those tracks are dark, dreary affairs ("It's been years since we started this charade/Girl, I have been replaced/Don't walk away from me/I'm talking to you"). There are huge codas of endlessly repeating riffs. The keyboards sound like they're slopped in molasses and cold electronic drums replace the splashes of the songs before.

Maybe it's the just-as-sudden shift back into Belle and Sebastian territory, all short bits of dream pop that each manage to have a distinct feel. None of these sections of the album sounds like the other. Usually I wouldn't like that. This time, I do, and I really don't know why. I just know it's unpretentious and enjoyable.



■ KISSING COUSINS
■ Grade | B+

"SHE'S RIGHT"

WHAT DAVE HERRERA THINKS:

Kissing Cousins' latest EP "She's Right" is short — just over eight and a half minutes — but sweet, like a more mysterious and sparse Sleater-Kinney. "Let You Down" sees a flute waft around a steady bass drum pulse and a guitar slowly spiraling into some seedy back alley.

"This Is Still Me" dips into a sea of reverb — you could almost hear Radiohead mimicking the sung-spoken lines and occasional glockenspiel. "She's Right" is louder and assertive. Less original, but still catchy.

Hopefully, after now four EPs, the band can graduate to full-length territory. But for now, right on.

PITCH RED

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people called the 'Redheads' that come to every one of our concerts," Schaeffer said. "Kind of like the 'Grateful Deadheads,' but 'Redheads.'"

Their fans have reason to get excited. Since its formation a year ago, Pitch Red has already received offers from managers looking to manage their band. The band has also played at numerous venues such as Howard's Club H, Headliner's in Toledo, and Schaeffer's personal favorite, Club Bijou in Toledo.

"The sound guy there is awesome," Schaeffer said. "And I love the atmosphere, it's very retro and vintage."

Pitch Red is looking to move beyond the local circuit this summer with hopes to play in Michigan, Missouri and other parts of Ohio. The band also plans to release its debut EP, which will feature six original songs, in early March.

"We're really hoping to get signed, too," Schaeffer added to the list of the band's future plans.

Schaeffer said it's really hard to describe their music because their sound is very different, but she also said its that quality that sets them apart from other bands.

"First off, the fact that we have a

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EMILY RIPPE
SHE SAID
COLUMNIST

Valentine's Day gets a bad rap for being, well, Valentine's Day. But the often-criticized and flat-out-ignored-by-men (hmm, where's my counterpart today?) holiday means quite a bit to women — both single and taken. In honor of the Feb. 14 festivities, which you probably couldn't escape yesterday, I would like to discuss the woman's perspective on V-Day.

Let's start with the single woman's feelings. This is actually familiar to me, being a girl who has celebrated many years of dateless Valentine's Days. I don't really look back fondly on those past celebrations. Watching my friends and random cutesy couples exchange gifts, hugs and kisses, my mouth would fill with this putrid, almost puke-like, taste, and my mood wasn't much better.

I'd think to myself, sometimes aloud, "I hate this Hallmark-created holiday!" And while I'd secretly be hoping to receive a Candygram or box of chocolate from a secret admirer, everyone who knew me just figured I was just giving the finger to the man; you know, rebelling against the system.

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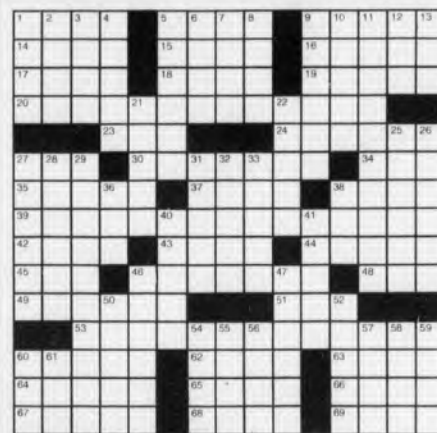
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